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CABINET IN SESSION.

The Eastern Question Is Discussed at Washington.

SITUATION NOT CONSIDERED GRAVE.

Civil Service Debate Continued In the House—Senator Teller Attacks the Republican Party — Nominations by the President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—At the meeting of the cabinet yesterday the most important matter considered was the eastern situation, which was discussed at some length. It appeared to be the opinion of the secretary of state and the members generally that the gravity of the situation was overestimated. Germany's action, it was thought, had no other purpose than the acquisition of a naval station and did not indicate that she had any designs upon Chinese territory other than for the purpose stated.

Great Britain and the other powers, it was thought, would be granted the same concessions Germany had acquired, but beyond this the European nations would not seek to go. The opinion was also expressed that the interests of the United States in China were not at present in any sense involved, nor were they likely to be.

The proposed relief expedition to the Klondike was also touched upon. It is believed that some doubt has arisen as to the need for additional supplies in the new goldfields, and it is not likely that final relief steps will be taken until the necessity for the expedition has been fully demonstrated.

The Civil Service Debate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The civil service debate continued throughout the day in the house. All efforts to fix a time for its termination failed, and it is certain now to run over into next week. The interest in the discussion does not seem to be waning. The debate was without marked incident.

The speakers were Messrs. Gillett (Rep.) of Massachusetts, Burton (Rep.) of Ohio and Fitzgerald (Dem.) of Massachusetts in support of the law; Messrs. Cummings (Dem.) of New York, Faris (Rep.) of Indiana, Mahany (Rep.) of New York, Driggs (Dem.) of New York and Bradley (Dem.) of New York in opposition to and Mr. Kerr (Rep.) of Ohio in favor of the modification of the law.

A bill was introduced by Representative Belknap of Chicago proposing retaliatory steps against France if the plans of the French government for an increase of duties on American meat products is carried out. Mr. Belknap's bill is understood to be expressive of the views of Chicago and the west generally as a result of the recent action of the French chamber of deputies.

Chairman Lacey of the committee on public lands of the house introduced a bill extending the homestead laws to Alaska and providing for right of way for railroads in that district.

Senator Teller Indignant.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The feature of the senate session was a speech delivered by Mr. Teller of Colorado regarding press reports that the recent efforts to make it appear that Secretary Gage had tendered his resignation as a member of the cabinet to President McKinley were a part of a conspiracy of the silver men to disrupt the cabinet and create dissension between the president and his advisers.

Mr. Teller branded the publication as an insult to the advocates of the free coinage of silver. He was satisfied that the president and Secretary Gage were in full accord upon the financial question. He attacked the Republican party because it was a party advocating the gold standard and expressed his intention of doing all in his power to defeat the party in 1900 and to drag the present administration from power, because the policy of the party was in his opinion, inimical to the best highest interests of the people of the United States.

Senator Lodge introduced a bill to provide for the construction of a telegraph cable from this country to the Hawaiian Islands and Japan, China and Australia. The bill grants a subsidy of $125,000 a year for 20 years on the service to Hawaii and an additional $75,000 a year for the same length of time for the extension of the line to Japan or Australia. A survey by the secretary of the navy to ascertain the most feasible route is authorized.

Presidential Nominations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The president sent these nominations to the senate:

Henry K. Boyer of Pennsylvania to be superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia.

James H. Stone, appraiser of merchandise in the district of Detroit.

Arthur O. Sykes of New York to be a chaplain in the navy, and Harold H. Haas of Virginia to be an assistant surgeon in the navy.

Fire In Ship's Hold.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Jan. 8.—Fire broke out again among the cotton cargo of the British steamer Lambert's Point, Captain Humphreys, from Norfolk Dec. 19 for Liverpool, that arrived here Dec. 26 with fire in her hold. On Dec. 31 the fire was practically extinguished and she was getting ready to proceed to sea. A portion of the cotton stored in the alleyways will be landed, as the flames are thought to be confined there.

Trying to Avert a Cabinet Crisis.

MADRID, Jan. 8.—The cabinet council has decided to submit General Weyler's conduct, with reference to the protest against President McKinley's message and to other matters, to a fresh inquiry, under the direction of the general commanding the First Army corps, Lieutenant General Daban. There is a possibility that a ministerial crisis will thus be averted.

China Rejects Russian Loan.

PEKING, Jan. 8.—China has rejected the proposals for a Russian guaranteed loan. Kiao Chau has been leased to Germany for 50 years only, although Germany had demanded a 90 year term.

Medical Journal's Editor Dead.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Ernest Hart, editor of The British Medical Journal, is dead.

THE TRADE REVIEW.

The Past Year Has Been a Record Breaker For Small Failures.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says in part:

In failures 1897 was not only the best year since 1892, but on the whole the best ever definitely known. With 13,522 failures, in number 11.5 per cent less than 1896, and $182,581,771 defaulted liabilities, 34 per cent less than in 1896, the year's banking failures counted for $28,249,700, and the commercial failures were but 13,351, with liabilities of $154,322,071, the average per failure being only $11,559, the lowest ever known except in 1892.

But even in that year the failures during the last half averaged liabilities of $10,477 per failure, while in the last half of 1897 the average was only $9,593. The returns by branches of business show that in 15 out of 28 classes the failures were lower than in any previous year of which there is a record, with especially large decrease in the great number of unclassified manufacturing and trading failures. Moreover, the year showed remarkable decrease, as some other prosperous years have shown increase, comparing the second with the first half.

The volume of business represented by clearing house payments has been 34.4 per cent larger than last year for January thus far and 4.3 per cent larger than in 1892, and banks state that commercial defaults the first of the year were smaller than for 10 years or more. There is marked increase in the buying of commercial paper by brokers, though banks are as yet scarcely enough relieved from obligations to expand in that direction, but the last Union Pacific payment was made without embarrassment, and the interior movement resulted in net receipts of $1,500,000 here.

Failures for the week have been 322 in the United States, against 471 last year, and in Canada 32, against 62 last year.

Says He Is Torrence's Son.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—David Torrence of Latham, Logan county, Ills., who says he is a son of the late General Joseph T. Torrence, has begun a contest of General Torrence's will in the courts here. Young Torrence says that at the time of the execution of his will General Torrence was possessed of the insane delusion that he (David) was not his son, but his nephew, and that this delusion "caused the said Joseph T. Torrence to disinherit his rightful son and heir by leaving him the insignificant sum of $250."

Morrison Implicates Beiermeister.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Morrison, the defaulting Rensselaer county treasurer, who is serving a term in Clinton prison, was examined yesterday in connection with a suit brought by the county against the National Bank of Troy for the recovery of $205,165.39 of county funds. Morrison told a story implicating Fred Beiermeister of Troy, N. Y., one of the bank's leading officials, in shady transactions with him.

Japs Give Buller a Fleet.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says that a Japanese fleet of three battleships, ten first class cruisers and numerous smaller vessels has received orders practically placing it at the disposal of Sir Alexander Buller, commander in chief on the China station, this step being taken "in case Russia persists in ignoring the joint interests of England and Japan."

Republican Bolters.

...an. 8.—The Republican ... the lower house of the Maryland legislature, after more than two months of deals and promises, failed to agree upon a speaker for the house of delegates, and yesterday 12 of their number, assisted by 41 Democrats, elected Mr. Louis Schaefer of Baltimore city to the position of presiding officer.

"Prison Poet" Stillman Pardoned.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Rufus B. Stillman, who murdered a hotel porter in Rochester in 1876 and was sentenced to prison for life, left Clinton prison yesterday a free man. His son-in-law, whom he had never seen before, brought the pardon, signed by Governor Black, to the prison, and the two men left for Troy last night. Stillman was known throughout the state as the "prison poet." He is now over 70 years old.

Major Butterworth Better.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Jan. 8.—Benjamin Butterworth, the commissioner of patents, is still improving, though slowly. Dr. Morton said last night that his patient might recover.

Austrian General Dead.

VIENNA, Jan. 8.—Baron von Schoenfeld, inspector general of the Austrian army and commander of the Austrian military forces in case of war, died yesterday.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

A platinum deposit has been found in Jack county, Tex.

W. J. Bryan has been invited to address the Nebraska legislature.

It is stated that 50 able bodied police of St. Louis are drawing disability war pensions.

Two men were fatally and one seriously hurt by a wreck on the Grand Trunk railroad.

David O. Swire, a prominent Philadelphia manufacturer, was killed by being struck by a train.

Otto Willig, who killed Pauline Rosenthal in St. Louis because she bleached her hair, has been given 25 years.

President Luke Usher of the wrecked National bank at Potsdam, N. Y., has been placed under $10,000 bonds for trial.

Hodgson and Cook of New Haven, charged with arson in the Hotel Tontine fire, were bound over for trial at New Haven.

William Taylor, the negro who was serving a 10 years' sentence for the murder of Tobe Carlisle in 1893, has been pardoned by Governor Stephens of Missouri.

LAWYERS INDIGNANT

Want Bar Association to Inquire Into Shaw's Mistrial.

PROMINENT COUNSEL SIGN PETITION.

They Feel That the Affair Places the Profession as a Whole Under a Cloud—Will Disbar Any Guilty Member.

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 8.—A move has been made toward clearing up the mystery of the mistrial in the Eli Shaw murder case. The reports that attempts were made to corrupt jurors have taken such definite shape within the last 48 hours that prominent members of the Camden bar felt that it was due the profession and the public that there should be an investigation. This sentiment yesterday crystallized in the following request:

"To B. D. Shreeve, President Camden Bar Association—The undersigned members of the Camden County Bar association respectfully request that you

ELI SHAW.

call a special meeting of the said association forthwith to consider the cause which led to the mistrial in the case of the state against Eli Shaw, H. H. Voorhees, Alfred Hugg, Norman H. Grey, Howard M. Cooper, Peter V. Voorhees, W. D. Lippincott."

Former Judge Hugg is the oldest counselor in the county and was law judge for five years. H. H. Voorhees is auditor of the board of freeholders. Norman H. Grey is a son of Vice Chancellor Grey and nephew of the attorney general of the state. Howard M. Cooper is of the Cooper family, the original settlers of Camden. Peter Voorhees is a nephew of the late Peter S. Voorhees, one of the foremost lawyers of his time. W. S. Lippincott represents the younger element of the bar.

These lawyers feel that the profession as a whole is resting under a cloud which can only be removed by fixing the responsibility for the Shaw mistrial where it belongs. If it is found that any member of the bar has been in any way connected with attempted treachery, there is no doubt that the association will sanction disbarment proceedings. If the responsibility rests elsewhere, the Bar association will see to it that the fact is made public.

B. D. Shreeve, president of the Bar association, in accepting the request for a special meeting from H. H. Voorhees, said he was in hearty sympathy with the movement. The meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon next, and Prosecutor Jenkins and Harry S. Scovel, Shaw's counsel will be asked to tell what took place at the conference which immediately preceded the abrupt ending of the Shaw trial.

Mr. Scovel said yesterday that he was ready and willing to tell everything that was said at the conference if Prosecutor Jenkins would give consent. The prosecutor had a talk with Mr. Scovel, and they held a conference with Sheriff Baird. Afterward Mr. Jenkins said he was not prepared to make any statement. Judge Garrison may order a judicial investigation without waiting for the Bar association to take action. An official utterance from him is looked for when he opens court on Monday morning.

Three of the jurors on the Shaw special panel, it is reported, have made statements that they were approached. The grand jury is in session, and Judge Garrison may direct that body to summon these jurors and find indictments against the person or persons who tried to induce them to hold out in Shaw's favor.

A story told in Lancaster, Pa., by James Heywards, to the effect that the state had evidence that another person than Eli Shaw committed the murders, is said by Prosecutor Jenkins to be a "fake."

The Cotton Mill Situation.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 8.—The cotton mill situation remains unchanged. It is claimed that a strike will throw nearly 10,000 operatives out of work, and this is looked upon by business men as equivalent to the withdrawal of between $30,000 and $40,000 from circulation each week.

Boston Elevated Elects Officers.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—At a meeting of the directors of the Boston Elevated Railway company the following named officers were elected for the ensuing year: William A. Gaston, president; William A. Bancroft, vice president; William Hooper, treasurer; John T. Burnett, secretary and clerk.

Murderess Commits Suicide.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 8.—Dr. Shep Rogers, a prominent physician and ex-president of the board of health, was shot last night by a Mrs. Sandbrink and is in a dying condition. The woman then sent a bullet through her brain, dying instantly.

DENOUNCES M'KINLEY.

Bridgeport (Conn.) Pastor Speaks In Censure of the President.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 8.—The Rev. William McNichol, pastor of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church, in the west end, has stirred up strife in his church by a pamphlet which he styles a directory of his church. In the pamphlet he denounces President McKinley as follows:

"The present occupant of the White House, by holding saloon property and serving alcoholic liquors at his table, in scorn of his church and contempt of the public school, has done more to stultify conscience in the great reform than any one man has ever done or been capable of doing.

"For he took office as a Christian at a time when public sentiment would have sustained him and applauded him in keeping his own table clean. If it be true that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven, there will be hard lines for his sleekness in the judgment."

Speakers For Merchants' Banquet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—A meeting of the executive, entertainment and reception committees for the third annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers was held yesterday. Relative to the banquet which is being arranged for, Warner Miller, chairman of the committee on speakers and toasts, announced that President McKinley will positively be present and will speak. He also announced that Senator Frye will speak on "Our Merchant Marine" and Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia on "Reciprocity and Commercial Expansion." Joseph H. Choate will also be a speaker.

Another Washington Girl Tries Suicide.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Miss May Waite, 24 years of age and said to be a daughter of ex-Governor Waite of Colorado, attempted to commit suicide by taking strychnine. She was formerly employed in the government printing office, but lost her place and grew despondent over this and the marriage of Arthur R. Waite, a brother employed in the government printing office, to whom she was greatly attached. Her condition is not regarded as serious. It is said this is the fourth time she has attempted suicide.

Murderer Troy Goes Insane.

OTTAWA, Jan. 8.—James F. Troy, who was sentenced to be hanged at Napanee on Jan. 14 for the murder of Angus McLeod, will not meet his death on the gallows. The governor general has approved of an order in council commuting the sentence to life imprisonment. The self confessed murderer has gone insane, and this is the reason given for the commutation. The same was brought forward at Troy's trial, but he has grown worse since then.

Looking For Alleged Wife Murderer.

BRANT ROCK, Mass., Jan. 8.—Charles H. Heywood of Green Harbor is believed to have killed his wife with an ax at their home beyond Green Harbor, half a mile from here. Heywood is about 38 years old and his wife a little younger. The selectmen have been notified, and a search has been begun for Heywood. The tragedy occurred near the old Fletcher Webster place in Marshfield.

Lady Henry Somerset Retires.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Lady Henry Somerset has given up all public work. She has resigned the presidency of the Woman's Temperance association and will take a prolonged rest, ostensibly under the orders of her physician. It is believed, however, that differences with her colleagues in temperance work have greatly influenced her retirement.

Mrs. Varney Wants a Divorce.

TRENTON, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Alice K. Varney has brought suit for divorce against her husband, City Clerk Thaddeus P. Varney of Camden. Della De Haven is made co-respondent. The place and date named are Philadelphia, Jan. 1, 1897. It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Varney have lived apart for a long time.

Engineer Drops Dead.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 8.—Jeremiah O'Brien, aged about 62 years, one of the oldest and most trusted engineers in the service of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad company, dropped dead in the cab of his engine yesterday. Death was due to paralysis of the heart.

Huntington Buys More Land.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 8.—A tract of water front property, comprising 1,304 acres, directly north of the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company, has been sold to Collis P. Huntington by the Old Dominion Land company for $50,000.

$5,000 For a Crushed Arm.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 8.—A verdict of $5,000 was given against the Basch & Greenfield company, woolen and shoddy manufacturers, in a $20,000 damage suit brought by Levi Gledhill, aged 15 years, whose arm was crushed in the belt of some machinery in January, 1896.

No Pardon For McKane.

ALBANY, Jan. 8.—It is stated positively that Governor Black will not pardon or commute the sentence of John Y. McKane, a former political leader of Gravesend, whose term of six years at Sing Sing will expire in April next by limitation.

Employees of Shoe Factory Strike.

LYNN, Mass., Jan. 8.—Forty-six cutters employed in the shoe factory of Faunce & Spinney, this city, struck today because the firm refused to accept the price list presented by the cutters' agent.

Starved Herself to Death.

AUBURN, Me., Jan. 8.—For three months Mrs. Olive Trafton of this city has sat in her chair and awaited death by starvation. She refused to eat anything whatever. Now she is dead.

UNCLE SAM ROBBED.

Money Order Frauds In the Postoffice Department.

POSTMASTERS MAKE FALSE REPORTS

Auditor Castle May Examine One Hundred Million Orders Issued the Past Three Years to Discover the Extent of the Loss.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Startling discoveries have just been made in connection with the money order branch of the postoffice department which indicate that through the fraudulent action of a number of postmasters the government is a loser to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

For more than three years the money order accounts of the issuing postmasters have been audited by the "stubs," or coupons, and not by the money orders themselves, as had previously been done. In other words, the issuing postmaster sent in with his daily, weekly or monthly report of money orders sold what purported to be the coupon cut from each order, which coupon was supposed to represent by the process of cutting the exact amount of the order from which it had been detached.

If the postmaster's account corresponded in each item with this coupon his account was assumed to be correct, was audited and closed. The money order itself was never checked by the issuing postmaster's return, but was only used as a voucher for the paying postmaster.

When the present auditor for the postoffice department, Captain Henry A. Castle, assumed his office last June, his previous experience as postmaster at St. Paul had given him a thorough understanding of the money order system.

When the method of auditing money order accounts become familiar to him, he began to discover its glaring defects. When Mr. Lawshe, the present deputy auditor, who had also served as postmaster in Indiana for one term, was appointed, the auditor charged him with the special duty of thoroughly investigating the methods in vogue, that all their defects might be discovered.

In conjunction with Mr. Bishop, chief of the inspecting division, now chief clerk of the auditor's office, Mr. Lawshe discovered and pointed out nine possible ways in which the government could be defrauded under the prevailing system. Several cases were detected in which orders had been issued for large amounts, such as $80 or $100 each, which had been reported by the issuing postmaster at $1 or $2 each.

How many such frauds were perpetrated during the three years in which the old system was in operation can only be guessed. An examination of the 100,000,000 money orders issued during that time could be made, the auditor believes, by 100 men in a year, and if the rate of fraudulent orders just discovered continues he thinks it might be well to do this. How much the government has lost will not be determined unless such an examination is made.

Ramapo Liquor Case Decided.

NYACK, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Justice Van Wyck of the supreme court has handed down a decision in the Ramapo (Rockland county) liquor case, which is of interest in every part of the state. In the spring election of 1896 the people of Ramapo voted for no license. The liquor men asked for a resubmission of the question at the last fall election on the ground of irregularity in the prior election, which the town board granted. The question was voted on in November, and the liquor men have been doing business since. An injunction was secured by the temperance people to prevent counting the votes. Now Justice Van Wyck has vacated the injunction, and the vote will be counted.

Fourth Class Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The following named fourth class postmasters have been appointed: Connecticut—Hopevale, Amos W. Sisson; Plainville, Edwin F. Tomlinson. New York—Minerva, David Jones; Oakland, A. I. White; Shelby, Avery F. Smith. Pennsylvania—East Greenville, E. M. Stauffer; Freedom, William D. Hamilton; Herrville, Aaron B. Fullerton; Husband, H. E. Shaffer; Keeksburg, William K. Porch; Knights, J. B. Torrence; Plumville, William E. Bowser; Rush, Edward Granger; Wallaceton, William Klare.

Burglars at Work In Nyack.

NYACK, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Burglars have made another raid in South Nyack. The principal place visited was the residence of George C. Martine, a well known resident. All the jewelry in the house was taken. The burglars entered the house with the aid of a ladder which they stole from adjoining premises. They were frightened by Mrs. Martine and leaped out of a window and escaped.

Ice Harvesting Begun.

CATSKILL, N. Y., Jan. 8.—The harvesting of ice at the big icehouses here has begun, and should weather conditions remain favorable the housing of ice will be in progress next Monday at all points on the upper Hudson, for which thousands of men and boys and horses will be employed. The ice is prime in quality and from 8 to 10 inches in thickness.

Hots on Hanna's Success.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Colonel A. Perkins, private secretary to Senator Hanna and assistant chairman of the Republican national committee, has bet $1,500 even money that Hanna will be returned to the senate. [illegible]

Explosion Kills Four Men.

GLASGOW, Jan. 8.—During a fire at Hatrick's chemical works here today [illegible] killed four firemen and injured a number of other people.

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DURRANT IS HANGED

The San Francisco Murderer Expiates His Crime.

DIED PROTESTING HIS INNOCENCE.

His Death Apparently Painless — John O'Neil Executed at Greenfield, Mass. Negro Murderers In New Orleans Meet Their Doom.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Jan. 8.—William H. T. Durrant was hanged in the state prison yesterday. His attorneys fought to the last moment. At Washington Leonard P. Boardman applied to the full United States supreme court for a writ of supersedeas. The court, after three minutes' consideration, refused the application. At Sacramento efforts were made to induce Governor Budd to grant a reprieve, but without avail.

Durrant surprised his guards when his breakfast was brought in by eating heartily and with evident relish of steak, toast and fruit. After discussing his last meal Durrant read a chapter from his Bible and then received a visit from Captain Edgar, to whom he expressed a desire to deliver a short address from the scaffold.

Shortly afterward Mrs. Durrant called at the prison and was admitted to the death chamber for a last interview with her son. Their meeting was an affecting one, although both strove to maintain their composure.

The Rev. Edward Davis, who had publicly announced his intention to accompany Durrant upon the scaffold, was not admitted to the prison, and as the prisoner refused to see either Chaplain Brahms or the Rev. William Rader, the Protestant clergyman who visited him recently, it was decided both by the prisoner and his mother that the Rev. Father Lagan should be sent for.

Durrant's parents met Father Lagan in the warden's office and accompanied him to the death chamber, where the prisoner was given extreme unction and the Catholic service was performed. Durrant evinced the most lively interest in the service. He conversed with his parents for a few minutes and then bade them farewell and prepared for his march to the scaffold.

Durrant made a brief speech from the scaffold in quiet tones, asserting his innocence and forgiving those who had, as he said, persecuted him, mentioning especially the press of San Francisco. His last words were, "I am innocent."

His death appeared to be painless. After the drop Durrant did not struggle. In 15 minutes he was cut down. His neck had been broken by the fall.

William H. T. Durrant was convicted on Nov. 1, 1895, of the murder of Blanche Lamont, a schoolgirl, whose body was found, together with that of Minnie Williams, in a church in San Francisco in the preceding April. Durrant was sentenced to be hanged on Feb. 21, 1896, but the persistent efforts of his attorneys postponed the execution of his sentence for nearly two years.

Durrant was assistant superintendent of the Sunday school of the Emanuel Baptist church in San Francisco and was an active member of the church. He was studying medicine at the Cooper Medical school. He was looked upon by all his acquaintances as a model young man.

Three Negroes Hanged.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 8.—Three negro murderers died on the scaffold at Hahnville, a small town in St. Charles parish, yesterday. Louis Richards, alias Pierre, alias Creole; George Washington and Foxli Morris murdered and robbed a Jewish peddler named Ziegler last June on Ellington plantation, near Hahnville. The murderers were traced by the discovery of goods in possession of their female companions which had belonged to Ziegler. Creole confessed, implicating the other two, and with the assistance of his statement the authorities obtained conclusive evidence of their guilt.

Another Murderer's Fate.

GREENFIELD, Mass., Jan. 8.—John O'Neil, Jr., who last July was found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Hattie Evelyn McCloud in Buckland, Jan. 8, 1897, and sentenced to death, was hanged in the Franklin county jail yesterday. The condition of the condemned man was pitiable, and he required much assistance from the officials who attended him.

Claims the Segui Grant.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 8.—Antonio Segui, a Maspeth drug clerk, believes that he is the heir to an estate in Florida valued at $3,000,000. The land is known, he says, as the Segui grant and was given to Father Antonio Segui, a Spanish priest, by the Spanish government in consideration of his labors among the Seminole Indians. The priest's brother, Segui says, was his grandfather. He says the Spanish consul, before whom he laid the claim, is convinced of its validity.

Human Body In Packing Box.

DES MOINES, Jan. 8.—Representatives of the Adams Express company opened an ill smelling box at Charlton and found the remains of a human body cut into bits. The box had stood several days in the express office, and the officers, becoming suspicious, pried off the lid. Detectives were at once put to work.

Adah Richmond Loses.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—In the case of Charles H. Patten, executor of the will of John Stetson, Jr., against Adah Richmond Stetson, the full bench of the supreme court overruled the respondent's exceptions, holding in effect that she is not legally entitled to appeal and contest the will of John Stetson, Jr.

Boy Murderer Confesses.

BERLIN, Ont., Jan. 8.—James B. Allison, the 17-year-old farm laborer who is under sentence to be hanged on Feb. 4 next for the murder of his employer's wife, Mrs. Emma Orr, near Galt, on the morning of Aug. 9 last, has made a confession of his crime. The confession is duly signed and witnessed.

Wilson Liner Sunk.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The steamship Knight of St. George, passing Isle of Wight, signaled that she had been in collision with the Wilson line steamship Leparto during a thick fog. The Leparto sank, but not before all on board were saved.

MAKING WAX LIFELIKE.

How Display Figures for Stores Are Made.

"How long does it take to make one of these?" said the manufacturer in response to an inquiry, reports the Boston Transcript. "Well, it depends entirely upon circumstances. It is not a mechanical operation, the finishing off of a wax model as true to life as this," and he pointed to the bust of a laughing child, whose rosy neck and bright eyes were framed by clustering curls. "To make these one must have studied anatomy, as well as drawing and modeling. We begin in the same way as a sculptor would to make a statue. After the wax has cooled the eyes are put in, the face is 'made up,' as theatrical folks say, and the wig is fastened on, and the wooden body is shaped. We make all our hands and feet from life, and they cost about ten dollars. If we have an order for an entire figure we always model it from life. The life-size wax figures of infants are among the finest things we manufacture, and they add much to the attractiveness of a show window, as was illustrated last winter, when a Washington street retail dealer displayed one during the holiday season. The head and shoulders, such as are seen in the milliner's windows, cost from $40 to $45. The wig makes considerable difference in the price, as we use the best hair, and it is expensive, especially the natural blond, which is scarce. The children's heads cost $20, or thereabouts.

"All the finishing off imaginable," he continued, "would not make a figure stand the test of a season behind the glare of a glass unless the wax has a natural pink tinge. The reason some of the models look so deathly is because the wax is bad and not properly colored, and flesh tints are put on in addition."

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

Professor Grammar School—And your son, I hear is attending college?

Mrs. Struckle—Yes, he's gone to one of them pyrotechnic institutes, and we hope he'll soon extinguish himself.—N. Y. Herald.

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Will offer many opportunities for money saving. You want to return the unexpected X mas gift with a suitable New Year's present. All holiday stock is marked at greatly reduced prices for this week. As to regular stock, we shall this week place on sale new goods in

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at lower prices than you have ever known. Watch this space for prices and money savers.

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For sale in Middletown, N. Y., by J. E. MILLS and W. D. OLNEY

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Pair nice light pleasure Bob Sleighs, complete, with two seats, cushions, poles and shafts. Address or call upon

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TOMPKINS' NEW DRY GOODS STORE,

Nos 6-8 East Main Street, Middletown.

Grand Clearance Sale Previous to Taking Inventory, Beginning Monday, Jan. 10, '98,

and continuing for one week. Do you know what inventory means in a big Dry Goods Store? It means that every piece of goods has to be measured, every separate article counted. This means work and lots of it, and it takes time. The nearer a merchant can close his stock out the less work it makes to take inventory. From now on till inventory time we are going to fight our stock down to its lowest ebb. All profits will be lost sight of, and many things will go below cost rather than carry them over to another season. It will be greatly to your interest to attend this great stock reduction sale.

WE WILL ALSO MAKE THIS OUR CELEBRATION SALE!

To celebrate our success in Middletown. Just nine months ago the first of January we started here. Many wise men shook their heads in doubt when we started in this locality. The wrong side of the street was heard on every side, and many informed us that the location was surely fatal to success. THE WRONG SIDE OF THE STREET IT IS TRUE, BUT WE ARE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF PRICES. That's what brings the people here, and our record of the past nine months we are proud of, and this is the way we will celebrate our success.

Two Bales of the Best Fine Unbleached Muslin.

Usually 7 to 8c a yard. At sale 3½c., limited to 20 yards to each customer.

Three of the Best Brands

of well-known Bleached Muslin made, usually 9 to 10c a yard. At clearance sale 5½c a yard.

Ready-made Pillow Cases

8c each.

Wide Sheeting Muslin.

Bleached—2 yds wide 14c., worth 20c; 2¼ yds wide 16c., worth 22c.; 2½ yds wide 17c., worth 24c. Unbleached—2 yds wide 12c., worth 17c.; 2¼ yds wide 13c., worth 17c; 2½ yds wide 15c., worth 20c.

Bleached Pillow Muslin

1¼ yds wide 8c a yard, unbleached 7c a yard.

Closing Out 3,000 Yards of Best Dark Ground Calicoes.

Usual price is 6 to 7c a yard. These are positively the best calicoes made. Celebration sale price 3½c a yard.

Closing Out Sale Best Outing Flannel,

Sold by most merchants for 10c a yard. Thirty-five pieces in this lot. We don't want to inventory them, hence price is 6c a yard at sale.

Ready-made Sheets

at less than actual cost of the material by the yard. Full size hemmed, in best muslin. Clearance sale price 29c each. Pillow Cases, bleached, 42x36, each 8c.

Clearance Sale Prices of Table and Household Linens.

Merchandise that is as staple as gold—the purest and daintiest offered at this sale in varieties never heretofore surpassed anywhere and at prices that can never be quoted again. 54 inch All Linen Bleached and Cream Damask, 45c value. Clearance sale price 29c a yard. 64 inch Linen Cream Damask, worth 50c. Clearance sale price 35c a yard. 62 inch Bleached Scotch Damask, 65c value. Clearance sale price 50c a yard. 68 inch Bleached Double Damask, 85c value. Clearance sale price 65c a yard.

Good 25c Quality Turkey Red Table Cloth

At sale 13c a yard.

Napkins.

Irish Linen, size 21x21 inches, $1.25 quality. At sale 93c a dozen. German Linen Napkins, full selvage, 22x21 inches; cannot be matched anywhere for less than $1.50. Clearance sale price $1.25 a dozen. Extra heavy Scotch Napkins, dinner size, very desirable patterns, good honest merchandise that would cost you $2.98 per dozen elsewhere. Clearance sale price $2 a dozen. Fringed Doyne Napkins 3c each.

Towels.

Huckaback Towels, fringed or hemmed, very large Turkish Bath Towels and Damask Towels, worth from 12 to 15c each. Clearance sale price 9c each. Remnants of Toweling 2c each. Remnants of Linen Toweling, each 3 yards long, 25c each.

Ladies' Jackets.

Cost cuts no figure—price is no object. The great point is to clear out every garment we have. This is the way we do it. First, we take off every cent of profit, then we stand a loss of from $2 to $3 on every garment. This is heroic treatment, but it is better than packing them away until another season. We have only small lots of each on hand, the entire balance of our great cloak selling this season. If you can find your size in any of these lots, you will get more than your money's worth.

8 Brown Mixed Cloth Jackets,

Tailor made, storm collar, silk serge faced, were big value at $6. Riddance price $3.80.

12 Very Fine Black Kersey Cloth Jackets

Half lined with silk, tailor make, storm collar, cont back, box front, were $8.50. Riddance price $3.98.

A Few Only.

Finest of Black Kersey Cloth Jackets all satin lined, velvet inlaid collar, were $12. Riddance price $6.50 each.

8 Only.

Very Fine Jackets, price was $15 on these. Made of finest goods, beautifully trimmed with braid and handsomely silk lined. Riddance price $7.98 each.

4 Only of Our Finest $18 Jackets.

Elegant goods of finest Kersey Cloth, beautifully trimmed with braid ornaments. Riddance price $10 each. If you can find your size in any of these lots you will be delighted, that is, if the satisfaction of getting a clear, up-to-date garment for about half what you would have to pay before Christmas, has any charms for you.

Clearance Sale of Dress Goods.

For the convenience of buyers, and to facilitate the large selling that is sure to follow this announcement, some of these goods will be placed on special counters. 15c Plaid Dress Goods, Clearance sale price 8c a yard. 25c Cashmeres, all colors, including black, 15c a yard. All Wool Novelty Dress Goods, usual price 35c a yard. Clearance sale price 19c.

Changalines and Scotch Cheviot,

Two toned bouclés and novelty brocades, heretofore $1 to $1.25 a yard. Clearance sale price 75c a yard.

50c Novelty Dress Goods

In all wool, fancy effects, bourett and bouclé effects. Clearance sale price 35c.

Honey Comb White Bed Spread,

75c value, at sale 49c each. Heavier Bed Spreads also Marseilles patterns, instead of $1, clearance sale price 75c each.

Blankets.

Here are a few only of nine Wool Blankets left from our great blanket sellers of the past season. We don't want to carry them over, hence this great cut in price. Only small lots of these, but the biggest blanket bargain you ever saw.

2 Pair Only,

Beautiful Eleven-Quarter California Blankets, were $10. Riddance price $5.50 a pair.

4 Pair Only.

Eleven-Quarter California Blankets, were $8 a pair. Riddance sale price $4.50 a pair.

4 Pair Only,

All wool $6 Blankets. Riddance price $2.80 a pair.

8 Pair Only.

Ten-Quarter Wool Blankets were $4. Riddance price $2.35 a pair.

25 Pair Only,

of a very heavy Blanket; was a big bargain for $1. Clearance sale price 65c a pair.

Winter Underwear.

Three lots at riddance prices—10 dozen very heavy Undershirts, no drawers to match, taste, 75c value. Clearance price 31c each. Men's wool double breast and back Undershirts, all large sizes, $1 is usual price for these goods. Riddance price 50c each. Men's fleece lined Shirts or Drawers, 50c quality, 35c each.

Remnants of Dress Goods.

All the short ends left from our great dress goods selling of the past season put on special counter, and marked at less than half the regular prices.

Child's Worsted Toques,

35c value. At sale 15c each.

Men's Lined Gloves.

Riddance price 19c a pair.

Hosiery.

40 dozen Misses' and Boys' 25c Wool Hose, ribbed or plain, 15c a pair. One lot of Men's Heavy Wool Camel's Hair Sox, 25c value. Riddance price 10c a pair. One lot of very fine Camel's Hair 35c Sox, strictly all wool. Clearance price 12½c a pair.

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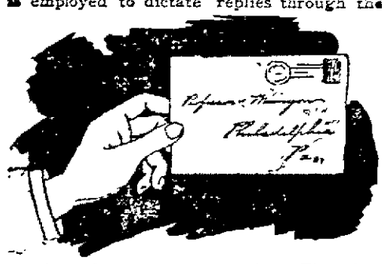
Munyon's Medical Institution, 1505 Arch St., Philadelphia, is the best one of its kind in the world. It employs a large staff of skilled specialists to diagnose the cases not only of people applying personally for treatment, but those in all parts of the country who send in personal letters, asking the best methods of being cured of various diseases. Thousands of these letters are received every week, and after being carefully considered by Prof. Munyon, a staff of from ten to fifteen doctors is employed to dictate replies through the



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A separate cure for each disease. At all druggists, mostly 25 cents a vial.

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ORANGE CO. SURROGATE'S COURT

Business Done in Orange County Surrogate's Court.

Report of proceedings before Surrogate O. P. Howell ending Dec. 31, 1897:

WILLS ADMITTED.

The wills of the following persons have been admitted to probate: Last will and testament of Joseph F. Robinson, Middletown, Annie Robinson, ex'x.: DeWitt C. Jayne, Warwick, Wilmore Anway, Dewitt J. Parkhurst and Charles E. Schultz, ex'rs; Samuel F. Fredericks, Deerpark, Mary Arnett and Nicholas Pflaum, ex'rs.; Reginer Greiner, Newburgh city, Amelia Greiner, ex'x: Henry S. Brewster, Blooming Grove, Thomas C. Brewster and Walter H. Brewster, ex's: Julia A. Barnes, Newburgh city, Andrew Barnes, ex'r., Matthew M. Writer, Mount Hope, G. Emmet Writer, ex'r.; Jane Augusta Tuthill, Newburgh city, Alsop P. Tuthill, ex'r; Mary J. Beattie, Cornwall, Wm. F. C. Beattie, ex'r: Caroline M. Robertson, Middletown, Charles W. Coleman and Charles L. Mead, ex'rs; Mariah Louisa Hubbard, Goshen, John Hubbard, ex'r; John T. Coleman, Hamptonburgh, Samuel M. Slaughter, ex'r; Mary J. Sly, Warwick, Hannah Sly, ex'x: Wolf Samuel, Newburgh city, Pauline Samuel, ex'x: Catharine Walsh, New Windsor, Ellen Walsh and Michael Donahue, ex'rs.

ADMINISTRATION.

Letters of administration have been granted on the following estates: Of Thew Coleman, Hamptonburgh, to Mary L. Coleman, widow; Maria Pembleton, Woodbury, to Mary Louise Florance, residuary legatee, under the will of said deceased; John Rost, Crawford, to John E. Duryea, friend: Harriet C. Terwilliger, Deerpark, to Robert W. Carley, general guardian of the minor child of said deceased: Blandina M. Elting, Deerpark, to Wm. L. Cuddeback, nephew; Annie E. Doyle, Middletown, to John W. Schoonmaker, son-in-law; Jenette Conklin, Mount Hope, to Samuel C. Conklin, widower: Ann Eliza Scott, New Windsor, to David A. Scott, brother: Hector Savage, Mount Hope, to Wm. L. Baxter, friend; of Ella Glynn, Newburgh, to Daniel R. Mahoney, general guardian of the minor children of the deceased: Andrew I. Gardner, Newburgh city, to Catharine Ann Stead, sister: Ann Dickerson, to Adam M. Dickerson, son.

GUARDIANSHIP.

Letters of guardianship have been issued as follows: On the person and property of Jennie Van Wormer and Elizabeth Van Wormer, to Elizabeth Van Wormer, mother, all of Deerpark: of George E. Terwilliger to Robert W. Carley, friend, of Deerpark; of Barbara Tremmel, to Moses F. Nelson, friend, all of Highlands: of Anna Glynn and Josephine Glynn, to Daniel R. Mahoney, friend, all of Newburgh city.

DECREES.

Decrees have been entered in the matter of the judicial accounting of John Cuff, adm'r of Mary M. Cassedy, Deerpark; of R. Ed. Schofield, adm'r of Alfred B. Maguire, late of Urbana, Ohio, who died leaving assets in the county of Orange: of Sarah Brower and Leander Brown, adm'rs of George W. Brower, Newburgh city: Elmer E. Roosa, ex'r of Hannah P. Littell, Montgomery: Hannah Dwyer, general guardian of Hannah Winfield, late a minor, now of full age: the Orange County Trust and Safe Deposit company, general guardian of Julia A. Smith, late a minor now of full age: of Arthur Totty, ex'r of William Totty, Montgomery: John W. Bushfield, trustee under the last will and testiment of Wm. Marston, Newburgh town; of Lucien H. Bigelow, ex.of Harriet D. Warren, Middltown: Celinda Jane Jenkins, ex. of Benton Jenkins, Middletown: Julia P. Lewis and Amzi Montross, adm. of John H. Lewis, township of West Milford, N. J., who died leaving assets in the county of Orange: Keturah C Lang and Solomon T. Lang, adm'rs of Edmund Lang, New Windsor: Albert F. Seeger, Trustee of Alexander Mearns, Highlands: Andrew Kidd and Mirza W. Kidd, ex'rs of Sidney Kidd, Montgomery: Robert W. Whelan, surviving ex'r of Peter Brady, Newburgh city.

ONE OF MONTICELLO'S NEEDS.

An Effective Means of stopping a Gossiping Tongue.

From the Monticello Watchman.

Monticello wins the cup for new expressions, and there is no other town that can beat her. King Solomon said, "There's nothing new under the sun;" but there is nothing implied from his wise saying that touched the future, and even if it did he didn't think of Monticello and her witty sons and daughters. Not many days ago, while two persons were engaged in conversation, hot words arose between them, and in a passion of anger one told the other what ought to be done with h——. It would be a cruel thing to do; even the thought is almost torture: but if it were practiced there would be less gossips in the country. The remark made was: "You ought to have your tongue pulled out long enough to cut a hole in it, and your foot stuck through the hole, and then it would not clatter so fast."

A $9,000 Suit Against Broome County's Sheriff.

Howard C Van Duzer, of Waverly, a nephew of J. R. Van Duzer, of this city, has sued Sheriff Wales, of Broome county, to recover $9,000, the value of property transferred to him by Jones & Moore, of Binghamton, and seized by the Sheriff under an execution against the firm.

Beauty, Utility and Value

Are happily combined in Hood's Sarsaparilla Coupon Calendar for 1898. The lovely child's head in an embossed gold frame, surrounded by sprays of flowers in mosaic, the harmonious pad in blue with clear figures, and the Coupons by means of which many valuable books and other articles may be obtained, make up the most desirable Calendar we have ever seen. The first coupon article is Hood's Practical Cook's Book, a handsome, useful volume of 350 pages. Ask your druggist for Hood's Coupon Calendar, or send six cents in stamps for one to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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OVER THE SHAWANGUNKS.

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS IN SULLIVAN COTNTY ARE DOING.

The News from All Parts of the County—Many Matters of Interest Condensed from Our Sullivan Exchanges and Contributed by Wide Awake Correspondents.

—Referring to an item in a Delaware county paper to the effect that Rev. David T. Howell at one time supplied the Methodist Church at Franklin and was afterward in charge of the Episcopal Church at Sidney, the *Watchman* says: "This is a mistake. Rector David T. Howell, of St. John's Church, Monticello, says he never was in Delaware county. He is a native of Ireland, was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, came to America in 1881, worked on the Brooklyn bridge and the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island for four years, was licensed to preach by Presiding Elder Simmons, of Brooklyn, conducted services in Raymond Street Jail in Brooklyn, had charge of Garnarville M. E. Church at West Haverstraw in '87 and '88. Had charge of the Vernon, Sussex Co, N. J., M. E. Church, in '89 and '90, was licensed by the Episcopal Bishop Starkey, Newark, and immediataly took charge of Christ Church, Warwick, preached there four and one half years, and came to Monticello in the spring of 1895."

—W. J. Garner and J. Hammond Wallen, of Monticello, have gone to Florida for the winter.

—John Botens has become proprietor of the Union House, Monticello, formerly kept by John Norton.

—A prominent citizen of the town of Bethel says that Rev. Mr. Hambley, who was recently deposed by the Presbytery, is a much wronged man. He claims that four out of the five elders of the church and five out of seven trustees still believe Hambley innocent and that nine-tenths of the congregation feel the same. He states that the church, a short time ago in a very prospsrous condition, is now literally gone to pieces. He also stated that a movement was on foot to make the church an independent one and to have Mr. Hambley reinstated. He is now with his wife in Canada.—*Republican.*

—Ex-Sheriff Beecher hopes to secure the Monticello post office because the local bosses are back of him. Hon. C. V. R. Ludington has informed his friends that he would like to have the office. He will not, however, circulate a petition. His strength lies in the fact, says the *Watchman*, that he is nearer Platt than any one in the county.

—Mrs. John Richards, of Callicoon Depot, slipped and fell on her doorstep, a few days ago, breaking her right wrist.

—G. W. Ihring's handsome residence in Callicoon Depot caught fire, Tuesday evening, from a defective chimney. After a hard fight the flames were extinguished and the house saved.

—As a result of the revival meetings which have been held in Livingston Manor, over seventy conversions have been reported.

—Plans for a summer school at Roscoe are being made. It will be for teachers of the first and second grades, and will be in charge of Principal Fuller.

—Mrs. Wm. Avery, of Bridgeville, was recently taken with hemorrhages of the nose and mouth and bled nearly four quarts before the blood could be stopped. —*Watchman.*

—A live wild cat caught in a trap at Gilman's is now on exhibition in Phil Kinney's Log Cabin in Monticello.

—Miss Lula Gray, daughter of the late Walter Gray, for many years a resident of Monticello, has been admitted as a patient to the State Hospital at Middletown. She has been residing in New York city for some time.—*Watchman.*

—The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has annulled the action of the New York Police Commissioners in dismissing Capt. John T. Stephenson, of this county, and ordered his reinstatement with full pay, which amounts for the time he was off the force to $10,000.

—Wallace Stanton, who was shot by Milo Racine while participating in a skimmington at Starlight, is improving. Eighty-seven No. 6 shot were taken from his right leg and hip.

—George Baim, of Jeffersonville, who carries the mail between that village and Monticello, got stuck in a snow drift, near Briscoe, Saturday evening. He had great difficulty in getting the horse out and when he finally did so and sought shelter at a farm house his hands were badly frozen.

—Wm. P. Andrus, of Richmond Hill, L. I., and his lawyer were in Jeffersonville, this week, interviewing hotel keepers in neighboring villages for the purpose of obtaining evidence against his wife in a divorce suit. The couple spent several summers in Sullivan county.

When your stomach begins to trouble you, it needs help. The help it needs, is to digest your food, and, until it gets it, you won't have any peace. Stomach trouble is very distressing, very obstinate, very dangerous. Many of the most dangerous diseases begin with simple indigestion. The reason is that indigestion (not-digestion, not-nourishment) weakens the system and allows disease germs to attack it. The antidote is Shaker Digestive Cordial, strengthening, nourishing, curative. It cures indigestion and renews strength and health. It does this by strengthening the stomach, by helping to digest your food. It nourishes you. Shaker Digestive Cordial is made of pure herbs, plants and wine, is perfectly harmless and will certainly cure all genuine stomach trouble. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to $1 per bottle.

Headache half? Get Miles' Pain Pills.

SULLIVAN COUNTY'S SHERIFF.

Has Defied the Local Bosses and Selected His Own Subordinates.

From the Monticello Watchman.

Sheriff Fulton has taken possession of the office to which the people elected him last fall. He has appointed John Hosier, of Wurtsboro, Under Sheriff, and Jno. R. Rice, of Gen Wild, Deputy Sheriff. The salary of the Under Sheriff is fixed by the McLaughlin bill at $500 and the salary of the Deputy Sheriff at $400.

The appointments are said to be displeasing to the bosses. It is, indeed, a most sickening pill for the Roosa, Thornton, Decker combination to swallow, and the appointment of Rice is particularly nauseating to these men who assume to control the Republican patry of this county.

Sheriff Fulton has surprised them.

Soon after election he informed them that the people of the county had elected him, and he should not be at any time a subservient tool to their malice or selfishness. He has developed an unusual quantity of sand, and this is disappointing to them.

They openly boasted that everything would be fixed as they said and so informed their adherents, and now to have it turn out as it has is disagreeable.

"BILLY" WILLIAMS' BENEFIT.

Local Talent Cleared About $100 for the Stranded Minstrel.

The Williams' benefit at the Casino was well attended, Friday night. The programme given was just as published in the ARGUS, and the local talent received great applause.

Williams, the old minstrel for whom the benefit was given, was introduced to the audience by Henry P. Powers, who has warmly interested himself in the unfortunate man since his arrival here.

UMPQUA TRIBE'S INSTALLATION.

The Newly Elected Chiefs Raised to Their Stumps Friday Night.

The officers of Umpqua Tribe, 331, I. O. R. M., were installed, Friday night, by Deputy Great Sachem Myers, of Warwick. The officers are:

Prophet—C. S. Truex.
Sachem—W. O. Wollenhaupt.
Sen. Sagamore—W. F. Shaw.
Jun. Sagamore—D. H. Keener.
1st Sanap—J. H. Rumph.
2d Sanap—F. L. Dunlap.
1st Warrior—W. Hook.
2d Warrior—J. C. Baker.
3d Warrior—G. W Doty.
4th Warrior—O. Hasbrouck.
1st Brave—L. A. Newton.
2d Brave—G. L. Cole.
3d Brave—J. E. Wood.
4th Brave—F. T. Paret.
Guard of Wigwam—C. O. Decker.
Guard of Forest—E. McCoy.

Poisoned by Sumach.

From the Ellenville Journal.

A number of boys who were skating on the canal, one day last week, know more about the effects of poison sumach than they did. They built a fire of the wood, and the result is that ten or twelve of them are badly poisoned, either from direct contact or from the poisonous fire.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Notes of Sunday Services and Other Matters of Religious Interest.

—W. C. T. U., 134 North street—Services at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

—Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Charles Beattie, D. D., pastor—Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; C. E. meeting 6:30 p. m. Juniors meet at 3 p. m. Strangers welcome.

—First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Thomas Gordon, D. D., pastor—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Juniors at 3:30 p. m.; Young People's service, 6:30 p. m.

—St. Paul's M. E. Church, Rev. Frank L. Wilson, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; class meeting, 9:45 a. m., Junior Epworth League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League prayer meeting, 6:30 p. m. Seats free and strangers cordially invited. Revival meetings next week, commencing Tuesday evening.

—North End M. E. Chapel—Sunday School at 2:30 p. m. Robert Lawrence, Supt

—Y. M. C. A., North street—Meeting for men at 2:30 p. m. All men welcome. Good orchestra in attendance.

—Faith Mission, 11 Mill street, Elder D. L. Cookling, pastor. You will be made welcome to any or all of the services at the Mission. Sunday School, 2 p. m., gospel service at 3 p. m.

—North Street Congregational Church. Morning service at 10:30 a. m. Preaching by the pastor Rev. J. W. Norris. Sunday School, 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Seats free. Strangers welcome. Morning subject: "Christ for the world." Evening subject: "Burdens." Young men's orchestra in the evening.

—First Baptist Church, Rev. Frank A. Heath, pastor. Bible School at 9:30 a. m.; morning service at 11 a. m.; prayer meeting at 5:00 p. m. Seats free. You are welcome. Morning subject: "The church entertainment method of raising money. Is it a means of grace or is it a hindrance to the legitimate work of Christ's disciples?" Evening subject: "Shall it be peace?" Revival meetings continued every evening.

—Christ Church (Universalist) Assembly Room, 61 North street. Rev. J. Newton Emery pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "The power of hope." Evening subject: "The brother we serve." (Fifth in the series of special sermons on doctrine and life.) At 3 p. m. the Junior Young People will meet in Assembly Rooms.

—Free Christian Church—Sunday School, 11 a. m. Preaching in the evening by the pastor. Gospel Temperance Union this evening. Evening subject: "Will the teachings of Christ ever sway this world?"

—First Congregational Church, Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., pastor—Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; young people's service, 6:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:30. Evening subject: "Reporter or witness."

—Grace (Episcopal) Church—Rev. D. J. Evans, B. A., rector—1st Sunday after Epiphany. Holy Communion 7:30 a. m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

The Homeliest Man in Middletown

as well as the handsomest, and others are invited to call on any druggist and get free a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, a remedy that is guaranteed to cure and relieve all chronic and acute coughs, asthma, bronchitis and consumption. Price 25c. and 50c.

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Two million Americans suffer the torturing pangs of dyspepsia. No need to. Burdock Blood Bitters cures. At any drug store.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Is What the Boy Phenomenon Has Made in Many Middletown Homes.

A Short Dissertation on the Wonderful Power of Vital Magnetism as a Healing Agency.

While He Will Remain at the Russell House All of Next Week, No New Patients Will be Taken for Treatment After January 9th.

Many homes where sickness and misery had reared its gaunt head for months and sometimes years have been made happy because of the coming of the Boy Phenomenon, whose powerful magnetic ministrations have restored so many of the afflicted to a life of happiness.

The many surprising cures he has accomplished since his advent among us reads like a chapter out of the Wonder Past. If the persons whose testimonials have appeared daily in the Middletown papers were not all well-known citizens, there would be just cause for doubt, as they seem almost too wonderful to believe. But they are all living, healthy, positive proofs of this Boy's ability to cure the most stubborn, chronic ailments, after other methods had been tried in vain.

Magnetism is acknowledged by all to be the one great healing power whose potency is unrivaled and unquestioned. "Then why has it not been adopted before? There certainly must be a good reason for it," the observant reader would naturally inquire. And so there is: the best reason in the world. It is because there are only a few who possess the power sufficient to convey it to another. It cannot be acquired. It must be born in them. It is a power which but few are gifted, and so far as known no one living possesses it to such a great extent as does the Boy Phenomenon. It is a gift like oratory, of song, of music, poetry or painting—it must remain the possession of the few. Therefore it was that he was called "A Boy Phenomenon."

It would seem to the honest man or woman that the mere statement of the person possessing such a power would be sufficient to carry the invalid world in haste to his side: but how sadly mistaken we are in so thinking. Not only has the plain statement been made, but proofs, undeniable and voluminous, human, living proofs to which tens of thousands of our best citizens have been eye witnesses, that the wonderful cures performed by this young prodigy are real, true and permanent. Not only that, but sworn statements and affidavits are daily published that are overwhelming in their force and directness, from hundreds of our best citizens, all testifying under oath that they were cured, permanently cured, of long-standing diseases. Still it is not enough, the afflicted have been so imposed upon by different schemes to extort money that they have learned a very dear lesson, and are therefore loath to accept any newly discovered truth. It must be proclaimed over and over again, and defended against maliciousness, against self-interest and greed, and, above all else, against that form of ignorance that would not see the sun shining if for any cause they preferred to think it ought to be night.

Magnetism has come, therefore, into a world of suffering, with its unparalleled system of practice, to meet and overcome the fate that all other pioneers in the world's progress have met, and is confident that, like them, in time it will win for itself the highest place in the public esteem, which it deserves.

The Boy Phenomenon is established at the Russell House where those who desire his services can call any day from now until Sunday night, Jan. 9th. Consultation tickets may be obtained from the secretary in the main reception parlors, which entitles the holder to an examination and a complete diagnosis by the examining physician of the Boy Phenomenon, at which time full information is given regarding each patient, and if curable, the cost of treatment, which is within the reach of all, will be stated. If incurable the case will not be taken.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. W. D. Olney.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers. The famous little pills.

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PHILIP HENRY, Practical House Painter, No 9 Linden Terrace. Painting walls a specialty. 47d1f

CHAS. J. KIDD, Jr., 70 Academy avenue—3,000 designs in Wall Paper. Estimates furnished for painting, decorating and hanging. 71

MIDDLETOWN Savings Bank—Money deposited on or before the 10th days of January and July, and the 3d days of April and October, will draw interest from the 1st.

CHARLES J. EVERSON, successor to William W. Reeve, Surveyor and Civil Engineer, office No. 5 King street, Middletown.

J. W. WORCESTER, M. D., late of New York city. Fine Dentistry in all its branches. Expert in the use of gas and extraction. 37 NORTH ST., Middletown, N. Y.

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HENRY C. McBRAIR, D. D. S. Gas administered. Office over Savings Bank, Middletown, N. Y.

MUSICAL instruction on mandolin, piano, violin, guitar, banjo, flute by VINCENT MAGGIO, 65 North street, second door. d&wl

DR. T. C. ROYCE and DR. A. FREEMAN FOOTE, Dentists. Offices over National Express Co., Franklin Square, Middletown. d&w

LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats cleaned, dyed and pressed, gloves cleaned, ostrich plumes cleaned, dyed and curled. 86d3m Feb2 J. A. AUSTIN, 93 Wickham Ave.

EXTRACTING with gas 50c., odontander 50c No charge for extracting when artificia teeth are to be inserted. Best teeth $6, $8 and $10 a set. Twenty years' experience. 9d&wtf DR. ROBINSON, 44 and 46 James St.

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That's the kind we sell. Sell 'em cheap too.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1897.

The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking rooms of the bank on Tuesday, January 11th, 1898, from 9 a. m. to 10 a. m. At this meeting will be considered the advisability of amending Article 3, of the articles of association of this bank, which article determines the number of directors to be elected.

1ndtoJan11 SEYMOUR DEWITT, Cashier.

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Five per cent. discount from above prices if bills are paid on or before the 15th.

Meter rent charged on all bills of less than $1 per month, net.

ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES.

65 hundredths of cent per ampere hour.
13 cents per 1 000 watts.
Minimum bill 50 cents per month.
Small consumers using the equivalent of candle power lamps or under, by contract according to service.
Bills rendered the first of each month, payable on or before the 15th, after which date 5 per cent. additional will be charged.
All lamp renewals at 15 cents each.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—Rain, followed by fair Sunday; colder.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 32°; 12 m., 38°; 3 p. m., 42°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Jan. 11—Hi Henry's Minstrels, at Casino.
—Jan. 13—Concert by First Congregational Church choir.
—Jan. 21—Excelsior Social.
—Jan. 24 John Thomas Concert Co., Y. M. C. A., at Casino.
—Jan. 27—Masquerade ball, 3 A B B. Club, at Assembly Rooms.

Republican leaders at Albany sneer at Controller Roberts for standing between the people and any further expenditure of their money on the canal job, the rottenness of which have been exposed. They say he is posing as the people's friend because he wants to be Governor. If gubernatorial ambition has the effect of making State officers as honest and as watchful of the people's interests as Controller Roberts is proving himself, it would be well if some of his colleagues in office were inspired by ambition to sit in the Governor's chair.

William Broookfield, the leader of the independent Republican organization which has just been formed in New York city, announces that it is the purpose of the organization to hold an early State convention and nominate a full ticket which the machine will have to endorse or accept certain defeat. A more disagreeable alternative could not be presented to Platt and his followers but there is no doubt which horn of the dilemma they will choose. They would prefer defeat with honor to surrender to Republicans whom they regard as traitors.

Unusual interest centres in the town elections to be held in Delaware county, next month. The Republican machine is anxious to get rid of several Republican Supervisors who were too watchful of the interests of the taxpayers and voted to cut down the emoluments of the Sheriff's office. In Delhi, the fight is particularly hot, and Lawrence, the new Sheriff, is in the thick of it, putting forth every effort to prevent the renomination of Supervisor Honeywell. The machine will undoubredly be able to control nominations but the people will have to be reckoned with and they are tired of paying high taxes for the enrichment of a few favored officials.

In spite of law and evidence, juries of farmers are making it plain that they will not enforce the penalties of the milk standard law against farmers unless there is direct proof that milk has been adulterated. An Orange county jury, this week, decided one of these cases in favor of the farmer in spite of expert testimony that the milk was below the standard. In Ulster county, this week, a jury found for the farmer, although there was abundant proof that the milk was of inferior quality. The same thing happened in several Dutchess county cases. It has been alleged that these milk suits are brought not so much to improve the quality of milk and prevent its adulteration as to make business for Republican lawyers, and these adverse verdicts will have a depressing effect on this odious form of speculative litigation.

A TOW BOAT BLOWS UP.

A Number of Lives Believed to Have Been Lost.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 8.—The tow boat Percy Kelcey blew up near Glenfield, Ohio, this morning, and was completely wrecked. The Kelcey left here, this morning, for Cincinnati, with a tow of seven barges and two flats of coal, reaching Glenfield at eleven o'clock. A few minutes later the explosion occurred. The crew consisted of nine men and a number of deck hands, and it is believed Captain Leslie Jones and all aboard were killed. The boat was valued at $25,000.

LATER.—Five men were killed. Capt. Jones' condition is serious: Percy Jones, the pilot, will probably die and two others were seriously injured.

THEIR ANNUAL SURPRISE.

...les Pay a Visit to Mrs. Greenout, of Near Bloomingburgh.

...arty of ladies drove to Bloomingb...h in a large sidesented sleigh, this ...oon, to visit Mrs. Greenout, who is ...ar Mrs Alvah Quick. They anticipay Mrs. Greenout a surprise ...iving along a generous supply ...r for a big supper. They will re... moonlight, to night.

...ING

...n Canal Street, To-day.

...O. Kennedy, a fruit vender, left ...d sleigh standing on West ... near James street, this ... horse started away alone, ...h, and turning into Canal ...xt ...ven into Dekay's livery sta... ...d, ... damage befell horse or

HANNA GAINING GROUND.

Several Republican Legislators Who Have Been Against Him Whipped Into Line.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 8.—Hanna is gaining on the homestretch. Reliable reports, to-day, indicate that he has the necessary 73 votes. Those at Hanna's headquarters are jubilant and the opposition's loss of confidence is apparent.

The opposition depended on the following voting with the Democratic members of the Legislature: Mason, Bramley, Jones, Griffith, Oles, Scott, Rodeky, Rutean, Manuel and Senator Burke. This would have made the joint ballot 75 to 70 against Hanna.

At the public meeting at Dayton, last night, which adopted resolutions condemning the bolting Republicans and demanding that Tartuz resign as Ohio's member of the National Republican Committee.

Representative Manuel pledged himself for Hanna. Jones and Griffith are reported to have done the same, and there are like reports covering Reutean and Rodeky.

Apparently seventy-two members are now publicly pledged to Hanna, which is one short of the number necessary to elect.

The opposition concedes no loss except Manuel. Mrs. Griffith is at the Southern Hotel, the anti-Hanna headquarters.

The anti-Hanna men admit that after securing control of both branches of the legislature they made a great mistake in adjourning to Monday and allowing members to go home till inauguration day. Republican members who are cooperating with the Democrats were thus confronted with indignation meetings when they arrived home, and these seem likely to turn the tide in favor of Hanna.

A GOLD SEEKER'S SUFFERINGS.

A Boy Who Walked for Five Days With the Flesh Falling From His Frozen Feet.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SKAGUAY, Jan 2, via Seattle.—Wm. Bryne, of Chicago, lies in a cabin on the Lewis River with both feet amputated. Byrne and his uncle, James Maguire, also of Chicago, were making their way up the river from Dawson.

On Dec. 6, Byrne, who is only eighteen years old, had both feet frozen. The men continued their journey for five days, the boy suffering horribly and until the flesh began to drop from his feet. They still forged ahead with the bones protruding from Byrn's feet until the Lewis River was reached where the boy was placed in a cabin and received treatment from a surgeon who happened to be there.

Maguire reached Skaguay in a dying condition, being seized with quick consumption on the way.

WEARY OF LIFE'S STRUGGLES.

Suicide of a Former Hudson, N. Y., Man in Accepted.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Carroll Hanlas, of Hudson, N. Y., reputed to have once been wealthy, committed suicide, last night.

He was disheartened by poor success in soliciting insurance at which he had been trying to make a livelihood lately. He left letters to his wife and daughter in Hudson, and to a number of others.

FILIBUSTERS REACHED CUBA.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Dr. Castillo, one of the Cuban Junta leaders here, who has been connected with several filibustering expeditions, returned, to-day, after a successful incursion into Cuba. He refused to say on what ship he reached Cuba.

OBITUARY.

Theodore Weller.

Theodore Weller died at his home in Circleville, this morning, in his eighty-third year.

Mr. Weller was a brother of the late Alfred Weller, of the town of Crawford, and an uncle of T. A. and George Weller, of this city. Most of his life was spent in the West and he returned to this section about ten years ago.

He was twice married. By his first marriage he had three children, Mrs. Nettie Hammond, of Brooklyn, Mrs. Dora Failing, of Chicago, and Alvah, who is in the West. His second wife, Mary Collard, of near Bloomingburgh, died about seven years ago.

Mr. Weller served during the war in a Michigan cavalry regiment.

The funeral notice appears elsewhere.

Frank E. Monarque.

Frank E. Monarque died at his late residence, 14 Albert street, this morning, of consumption, after an illness of two years, aged fifty-four.

The deceased was a veteran, having served two years in the war with the Duryea Zouaves. He participated in the battles of Bull Run, Antietam and Fredericksburgh.

He is survived by three brothers, John W., Joseph and Henry, all of whom were in the war, the two latter being carpenters in the army. He was married thirty-two years ago, and his wife, who was Mary Smith, survives with four of eleven children, George H., Arthur, Cecelia and Mabel, all living at home.

He had been confined to his bed for about six months. He was a christian and died firm in the hope of a blessed immortality.

Taken to Port Jervis for Burial.

The remains of the four year old son of Conductor Jesse Smith, of the Pine Bush branch, were taken to Port Jervis, today for burial.

ITCHING SKIN DISEASES

SPEEDY CURE TREATMENT for torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, and scaly skin and scalp diseases with loss of hair.—Warm baths with CUTICURA SOAP, gentle applications of CUTICURA (ointment), and full doses of CUTICURA RESOLVENT, greatest of blood purifiers and humor cures

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RED ROUGH HANDS Softened and Beautified by CUTICURA SOAP.

ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

George Lea stated, a night or so ago, that some of the boys were too far advanced for him on the day when he distributed his new pennies about town. He had a quantity in a basket and about $3 worth in his overcoat pocket on this occasion as he drove through the streets. He stopped at several points to scatter the coins and the boys climbed almost into his basket in their fight for them.

It was during one of these battles royal that he felt a pull at his overcoat pocket, and turning, found a youngster standing on the wheel of the coach, helping himself. The lad scampered away quickly on being discovered, and Mr. Lea felt in the pocket to find all but about twenty-five pennies gone.

Judging from the wordings of the advertisements in the various local papers Middletown ought to be a Klondike for traveling salesmen next spring, because all of the dealers are positively going to clear their shelves now.

The Common Council meets Monday night, and it will then be in order to ballot for an alderman from the Third ward. The reading public has become so familiar with this long continued story that to cause them to miss a single chapter would be downright unkind. Keep at the fun to the very end of the story, when the heroes will die gracefully.

Skating seems to have had its day with the athletic people of this city. Such a day as to-day a few years ago would have been marked by the number of people of all ages with skates under their arms, bound for the glassy surface. To-day, when news has been scarce and reporters consequently more than ever on the go, the writer has not seen a single pair of skates carried about.

Sleighing parties in single rigs have also been almost rare, to-day. The number of horses and sleighs has not decreased, yet on this beautiful afternoon there were only a few sleigh riders. A liveryman stated, to-day, that he did not have a single call for a sleigh yesterday, though the sleighing was at its best.

What has come over the young folks of the day?

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. One-fourth the price of coffee. Fifteen cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers.

HEADACHE cured in 20 minutes by Dr. Miles' PAIN PILLS. "One cent a dose." At druggists.

Special Offerings in Housekeeping Goods.

For thirty days we will offer exceptional values in Ready-made Sheets, torn by hand and ironed, sizes 81x90, at 41 and 48c. Pillow Cases, various sizes, at 10, 12½, 13½ and 17c. Towels at 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25c and up to $1. Napkins at $1, $1 25, $1 50, $1.75, $2 and up to $5. White Quilts, hemmed and ironed, full sizes, at 75c., $1, $1 25, $1.50, $1.90, $2 and up to $5. We are offering great values in Cloaks and Dress Goods. New spring Ginghams now on sale.

CARSON & TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.

REDUCTION IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

The thirty day reduction in price tells. Buyers have heard of it and are getting the benefit.

My stock includes everything to dress a man or boy (except shoes), and the prices all through get this uniform mark down until February 1st. Not old goods, remember, but all goods in every department.

Step in and see the special bargains in Caps and in Men's and Boys' Nightshirts of outing cloth and cotton flannel. They will surprise you.

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Hundreds of Pretty Things Left

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No. 39 North Street.

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Boys' Rubber Boots $1 50 a Pair, Regular Price $2.

"The Hub" Shoe Store,

13 West Main Street.

Next to Carson & Towner's.

MEN'S RUBBERS 45 CTS.

Sausage, three pounds 25 cents, Pork Chops three pounds 25 cents, Legs of Lamb 12½ cents a pound, Fine Lean Stewing Beef 5 cents a pound.

W. J. GREENING, 13 E. Main St.

EXTRAORDINARY ATTRACTIONS
AT
COTTAGE THEATRE, MECHANICTOWN,
FOR
Week Commencing
Monday, Jan. 3d.

Miss Lilian Rehan, serio comic; Miss Edna Burnett, song and dance artist; Paddie Mahar, Irish comedian and clog dancer, Mary Bryan, song and dance artist.

P. S.—Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night, in connection with the above show. Cars leave for Middletown at 1 a. m., and Goshen at 12 20.

Everybody Knows

We sell paper. Almost everybody knows our "Bargain Box," our "Irish Linen" by the pound and our "Rich Cream" by the box.

It is not every one, however, who knows the scope of our Stationery stock. The dainty things for notes, acceptances or regrets. The correct things for all purposes. Then we have also a line of the cheapest box paper in the city.

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Ladies' Flannelette Gowns and Men's Night Shirts!

both of same material.

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No. 24 West Main street, in basement, next to S. S. Runyon & Son's grocery. d Tu, Th, Sat&wtf

GREAT SUCCESS!

Our clearing out sale, as advertised, is appreciated by the public. We are showing a large stock to select from.

MEN'S OVERCOATS AND ULSTERS—Black Kersey $4.50, $5.40, Melton Ulsters $4.50, $5.40, High grade Overcoats $7.20.
MEN'S SUITS—Black Cheviot $3.50, Plaid and Mixtures, all wool, $5, all wool Clay Diagonal $6 75
MEN'S PANTS—Cassimere and Cheviot, in stripes and plaids, warranted not to rip, 81 and 90c
BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS—14 to 19 year Suits, mixed cassimere, $2.60; 4 to 15 years, same goods, $1 12; nobby Suits for boys, 3 to 8, $1.12; Chinchilla Reefers $1.35. Overcoats $1.75 up.
UNDERWEAR AND GLOVES—Heavy Underwear 23, 32, 45c. Wool Fleece Lined 41c. Lined Gloves 21c. CAPS—A great bargain in Men's Heavy Caps only 12c. Boys' Astrakan Poles 19c. Toques, the new style cap, 23c. Look for the Blue Front Store.

MORRIS B. WOLF, ONE PRICE 10 NORTH STREET.

OUR ANNUAL CLEARING SALE OF

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks Begins Monday, Jan. 3d

We have about 300 Cloaks to select from in all grades. Below we quote a few numbers—Our regular $12.95 coat now $7.95, our regular $10 coat now $6.40, our regular $8.95 coat now $4.75, our regular $5.98 coat now $2.98. Remember these are all facts, no sham figures. We stick to our custom, never advertise unless we have the article. Any one needing a Coat or Cape, should not lose sight of this opportunity at our handsome store.

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Still selling fine plaid, all lined Shirt Waists, regular $1 kind, for 50 cents.

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—Straw operators wanted.
—Meeting of Gen. Lyon Post, to-night.
—Sealed proposals for repairs to State Armory
—Fine stationery at Hanford & Horton's.
—Collection of dues, Homestead B. and L.
—Notice to ice gatherers, C. B. Hanford.
—Knee pants 18c a pair at Bedwig & Co.'s
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—Orr's poultry food at Geo. A. Swalm & Son's.
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LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—Bushels of suckers are being taken through the ice at Walton.

—Hi. Henry's Minstrels will be the attraction at the Casino next week Tuesday.

—George E. Arbuckle, a Newburgh letter carrier, fell on the ice, Friday, and broke his leg.

—The *Reporter* boasts that Walton has become "the greatest horse town" in Delaware county.

—Deposit is proud of the fact that during the year $32,000 was expended there in the erection of new buildings.

—In spite of the deep snow the work of grading on the Sidney-Franklin electric road is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

—At the mortgage sale of Henry Watson's property at East Branch, Tuesday, hay sold at $4 a ton and cows at from $17 to $26.

—Hi. Henry needs no recommendation from the press. His attraction is well known and will undoubtedly draw a good house next Tuesday at the Casino.

—A party of railroad men and their families enjoyed a private dance at the Brotherhood of Engineers' rooms, Main street and Railroad avenue, Friday night.

—Little Meda Dobbs, the wonderful child pianist, will appear for the first time before a Middletown audience at the concert given by the choir of the First Congregational Church, Thursday evening, Jan. 13th. Admission to all parts of the house ten cents.

PERSONAL.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Corwin went to Waverly, to-day.

—Special meeting of Capt. Jackson Post, this evening.

—Henry Harris of Torrington, Conn., is visiting in town.

—Miss Quaid, of Newburgh, is the guest of Mrs. Edward D. Tompkins.

—James V. Ellis, of New York, was the guest of H. D. Campbell, to-day.

—Raymond Howe, of Jersey City is visiting relatives and friends in town.

—Martin B. Cox, of Vernon, N. J., is visiting his son, E. M. Cox, of No. 43 Mulberry street.

—Emmet Mikles returned home, last night, after spending a week with his grandmother in Bullville.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Lounsbury, of this city, left, to-day, for a week's visit with relatives in Newburgh.

—Miss Essie Kiernan returned, this morning, to resume her studies in Albany after spending the holidays at home.

—The eclipse of the moon, last night, was seen under most favorable conditions and was watched with interest by many people.

—The Rockland correspondent of the *Livingston Manor Esaign* says that Miss Jessie Sprague, of Middletown, is visiting friends and relatives in town.

—J. W. Dennis, of Middletown, and Miss Clark of the same city, were guests at P. A. Tregurtha's, Benton avenue New Year's day.—*Walton Reporter*.

—Rev. S. J. Nowak, pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Florida, by the advice of the Bishop will take a trip to his former home in Germany, his health being become impaired by his arduous labors in organizing and building up this church.

Will Repair the Floors in the Armory

The floors in the armory under the billiard and pool tables and the bowling alleys were never concreted, and as a result they began to rot. The bowling alleys were ruined completely, and the room became actually dangerous to health. The authorities have done a wise thing in preparing to repair the damage, and restore the room to its proper condition.

Brigadier General and Chief of Ordnance Benjamin Flagler advertises for proposals in another column.

Paving Assessment Grievances Will Be Heard, Wednesday Night.

The Common Council will hold a special session, next Wednesday night, for the purpose of hearing grievances in the matter of the assessments for the paving of Depot, Centre and King streets.

A Twenty-five Cent Vial Leads to a Dollar Flask.

The economical way of buying "77," with those who appreciate "77," the dollar flask is popular. It is flat, easy to carry and economical, containing 120 doses. The value of having "77" at hand when needed, cannot be overestimated.

"77" cures colds, grip, influenza, catarrh, pain in the head and chest, cough, sore throat and fever. For sale by all druggists, or sent on receipt of price. Humphreys' Medicine Co., Cor. William and John streets, New York.

Dr. Miles' Pain Pills. "One cent a dose."

H. F. PRITCHARD'S BROTHER HERE

Came to Investigate the Story of a Young Man Who Told His Father That He Saw Christian in Kansas City—Said He Was Insurance Adjuster J. M. Masterson, of Cottage Street, This City—No such Person Known Here—No Motive for the Attempt to Deceive Mr. Pritchard Yet Apparent

John Pritchard, a brother of Horace F. Pritchard, who was murdered at the Sullivan County Park, near Wurtsboro, Sept. 29th, by Wallace J. Christian, came to this city, Friday night, to verify what he thought was important information as to the whereabouts of Christian.

Mr. Pritchard, who holds a very responsible position with the Central Railroad of New Jersey, is an old friend of Seymour DeWitt, cashier of the First National Bank, their acquaintance dating back to the time that Mr. DeWitt was purchasing agent for the U. S. Express Company, and on reaching here he at once called on Mr. DeWitt and asked him what he knew concerning a young man who gave his name as J. M. Masterson, and his place of residence as Cottage street, this city.

Mr. Pritchard said that on Thursday of this week, a man called at the office of his father, E. M. Pritchard, and, after explaining that he had stopped because he noticed the sign on the mill, asked if he was the father of Horace F. Pritchard, who had been murdered by Christian. Mr. Pritchard answered in the affirmative and then the man went on to say that his name was J. M. Masterson, that he lived in this city, was an adjuster for a St. Paul, Minn., insurance company and had just come east after a several months' business trip in the west. He was well acquainted with Wallace Christian, having often met him in this city. He said that on Oct. 22nd last, in Kansas City, Mo., he met Christian and had a talk with him. At that time he knew nothing of the murder and did not learn of it until his return east, when he happened to see some reference to the tragedy in a paper that he picked up.

The man went on to say that he lived on Cottage street, this city, and mentioned the names of several prominent Middletowners with whom he was acquainted. Among them Mr. DeWitt.

Mr. Pritchard, who regarded the information concerning Christian's whereabouts as most important, at once communicated with his son, but before moving in the matter, they thought it well for younger Pritchard to come to this city, see Mr. DeWitt and learn how much dependence could be placed in Masterson's statements.

Mr. DeWitt knew no insurance adjuster named Masterson living on Cottage street, nor for that matter does any one else, but from Mr. Pritchard's description of the man it is thought the so-called Masterson is a former resident of this city, who has shown in many ways a disposition to be crooked and who has displayed no small ingenuity in devising novel ways of crookedness.

Just what object the so-called Masterson had in unloading a ghost story on Mr. Pritchard is not yet as apparent. Mr. Pritchard took him to lunch with him, but at no time during the conversation did Masterson hint at compensation for the information he had given or suggest that if it was made an object to him he would return to Kansas City and assist in capturing Christian. It may be that he was only preparing the way for a big strike later on, or it is possible that the young man is so fond of doing crooked things that he could not resist the temptation to attempt to deceive Mr. Pritchard with a yarn that would raise false hopes that the murderer of his son might be arrested and brought to justice.

Before leaving town Mr. Pritchard had a talk with Capt. Veber about the matter, but as no crime had been committed or ever attempted by the so-called Masterson there conference related solely to the record of the young man who is supposed to have posed as Masterson.

Four Boy Tramps Run Out of Town.

Four boys applied for lodgings in police headquarters, last night. This morning they said they came from New York, but had had enough of tramping and wanted to return. Two of them give their ages as fifteen, one eighteen and the other claimed to be twenty-three, but did not look it. Poormaster Wood gave them a breakfast and bought them tickets to Tuxedo.

Complainant Did'nt Appear and Boys Were Discharged.

Six young lads were arrested, Friday, upon complaint of Herman Lasser, the Fulton street blacksmith, who charged them with malicious mischief. They appeared for examination at 9 o'clock this morning, but the complaint failed to appear against them until after the recorder had lectured and discharged them.

Deerpark's "Aid to Travelers."

In the repot of Deerpark's Overseer of the Poor appears the item "aid to travelers, $96.04," which probably means that the money was spent in running tramps out of town. They're not good things but Deerpark finds it cheaper to push them along.

Two Saloons Have Closed Their Doors

Springstead & Sheely, of Wickham and Low avenues, and Theodore Doremus, of Cottage street, have closed their liquor saloons. Dull trade is the cause assigned for discontinuing business.

High School Scholars on a Sleigh Ride Party.

A sleigh load of young people belonging to the class of '98 Middletown High School went to Schubert's, Friday night, for a dinner.

JOINT COMMITTEE IN SESSION.

Nothing of Importance Was Done, Friday Night.

The meeting of the harmony committees of the warring Republicans in this city was held at Daniel Finn's office, Friday night. All the members were present with the exception of Henry W. Wiggins.

The pipe line has not worked any too well, to-day, but the faint whisperings heard are to the effect that the plans of organization received from other places were looked over, but no action was taken. The looks on the faces of those who were there, however, clearly betoken the belief that harmony is further away than ever.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

The State Board of Health's Statistics for November.

During the month of November the death rate in this State was 15.30, which has been about the average rate for the past seven years. In this locality the rate was somewhat lower. In Orange and Rockland counties it was as follows

	Pop.	No. Deaths	Rate per 1,000
Newburgh	24,538	29	14.90
Port Jervis	8,427	12	16.65
Middletown	11,512	11	22.00
Warwick	6,000	7	14.08
Goshen	4,646	4	11.00
Montgomery	5,250	6	24.00
Hasterstraw	7,714	6	20.60
Nyack	5,803	8	17.20
Ramapo	6,500	14	26.20

GEORGE S. ADAMS' ENTERPRISE.

Has Leased Another Store in Newburgh and Will Run It as an Annex to his Present Store.

George S. Adams has leased the store 80 Water street, Newburgh, heretofore occupied by Remillard and will conduct it as the Adams annex in connection with his present large establishment, 62 and 64 Water street. Mr. Adams has also bought all the Remillard stock and will close it out at bargain prices.

Geo. Lea Has Sold His Large Omnibus.

Geo. Lea, of the Madison House, has sold the large omnibus which he has had in service to and from the Madison House to T. Houlihon, of the New Liberty House, Liberty. Mr. Houlihon came here Friday night with a heavy pair of runners on which the 'bus was placed and driven to Liberty, to-day, leaving early this morning.

Frank Barnes, the Madison House driver, will continue to operate the house's new 'bus and coupe.

Change of Pastors

On account of the poor health of the wife of Rev. William A. Brown, which makes a warmer climate necessary, Presiding Elder Schriver has released him from the pastorate of the Kerhonkson M. E. Church. Wallace Finch, of Sloatsburgh, a young man who has not yet completed his studies, has been assigned to the vacant pulpit. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will go to California.

Wallkill's Auxiliary Elects Officers.

The annual election of officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Wallkill Engine Company, resulted as follows:

President—Miss May H. Corwin.
Vice President—Mrs. D. W. Shaw.
Secretary—Mrs. Elmer Hunt.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. O. Hunt.

Has a 'Possum for a Pet.

Richard Broas, the East Main street barber, has a pet 'possum at his shop. It is about a year old and was captured by his brother-in-law at Walker Valley. The 'possum is tame and is becoming quite a pet among the customers.

Regular Meeting of the Water Board.

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners occurs to-night. It is understood that the commissioners have not yet decided upon the selection of a superintendent.

Run Down by Coasters.

A young son of Barney McCollum, of Newburgh, was seriously injured, Friday night, by being run down by other coasters. A deep gash six inches long was cut in one of his legs.

Bank Dividends.

—The Orange County Trust and Safe Deposit Company's directors met, Friday evening, and declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent free of tax, payable Jan. 15th.

Taken to Thrall Hospital.

An Italian woman, Jeanne Magha, was removed in the ambulance to Thrall Hospital, to-day, where a delicate operation was performed.

In a Critical Condition.

Martin Royce, who fell on the icy sidewalk Christmas eve in front of Jesse Canfield's, on Mulberry street, is still in a critical condition.

Will Visit Italy Shortly

Geo. H. Iseman and T. Ed. Hayes will sail for Italy shortly and will tour the continent before returning.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Week of Prayer Meetings—Parlor Entertainment for St. James' Guild—Foresters' Installation—Returned Home—Sheep Killed by Dogs—Red Men's Ball—Has Written a Book—Cataracts' Election—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The meetings at the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches concluded for the week, last night. Services will be continued on several evenings next week.

—A parlor entertainment will be given soon for the benefit of St. James' Guild at the home of Percy Wisner.

—The newly elected officers of Court Goshen, Foresters of America, were installed at the regular lodge meeting, last night.

—Richard B. Sayer and family, of Englewood, have terminated a week's stay with relatives here and returned to their home.

—Down in East Division, one night recently, dogs destroyed a sheep belonging to "Jimmy" Kane. Assessors Bennett and Wright went down to the Kane homestead and assessed the value of the sheep.

—The residence on Greenwich street of Chauncey Millspaugh is being fitted with steam heating apparatus.

—The Red Men's ball occurs next Tuesday evening at Samuels' Hall. Tickets are fifty cents. Lunch will be served.

—Miss Corinne Arthur Stewart, daughter of William P. Stewart, ex-residents of Goshen, has written a book it is alleged, which will soon be published. During her residence in Goshen two literary efforts of Miss Stewart were published in the *Independent Republican*. The friends of the young authoress in this village will await with impatience (we dare say) an opportunity to sit in judgment on her more ambitious effort.

—Two large sleighriding parties of young people visited Florida and Warwick, last night.

—Cataract E. and H. Co. elected these officers, last night: President, W. H. Wyker; Foreman, Charles S. Scott; First Assistant, E. A. Hopkins; Second Assistant, W. H. Goodale; Treasurer, H. S. Chardavoyne; Secretary, J. F. Halstead; Financial Secretary, George L. Jackson; Chaplain, Rev. R. B. Clark; Equipment Committee, Henry Jonas, R. W. White, C. S. Scott; Steward, R. W. White.

—The Young Ladies' Sodality of St. John's Church will give a concert and dance in about a fortnight at St. John's Hall.

Boss Dayton's Visit to Comrade McKinley.

Boss Dayton isn't saying much about what passed between himself and Comrade McKinley on the occasion of his recent visit to the White House, but the grin of satisfaction which spreads over his face when the subject of "Yank" Robertson's post office chances are mentioned gives the machine men heart failure.

To Install Corliss Association's Officers To-night.

Corliss Association of Engineers will install officers, to-night, and will have as its guest, Past National President M. D. Nagle, of the Murray Hill Hotel, and National Vice-President W. T. Wheeler, also of New York.

No Chance for Motorwoman Brierly in Port Jervis.

General Manager Field, of the Port Jervis electric road, publishes a card in the papers of that village to the effect that his company has no idea of giving Mrs. Brierly or any other woman a position on the road.

Won a $50 Sleigh at a Cost of Twenty-seven Cents.

A new two-seated Portland sleigh raffled off at Dekay's stables, this morning, was won by Royal Moore, of near Springside, who held ticket twenty-seven. The sleigh which is worth $50, therefore cost Mr. Moore only twenty seven cents

Good Skating on the Wallkill River.

Herman Bauer states that there is fine skating on the Wallkill River between the park and the dam, the ice being about nine inches thick.

If you feel weak dull and discouraged you will find a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla will do wonderful good.

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"Merit talks" the intrinsic value of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Merit in medicine means the power to cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses actual and unequalled curative power and therefore it has true merit. When you buy Hood's Sarsaparilla, and take it according to directions, to purify your blood, or cure any of the many blood diseases, you are morally certain to receive benefit. The power to cure is there. You are not trying an experiment. It will make your blood pure, rich and nourishing, and thus drive out the germs of disease, strengthen the nerves and build up the whole system.

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One of Wicked Newburgh's Joints Raided.

Frank Demara's disorderly house in Newburgh was raided by the police, Friday morning, and two men and two women were arrested. The complaint was made by Mary Johnson, a former inmate of the house, who had been beaten when she attempted to leave. The house is said to have been the resort of men of all colors and all nationalities.

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THE BLUE DRYAD.

By G. H. Powell.

STOFFLES was her name, a familiar abbreviation, and Mephistophelean was her nature. She had all the usual vices of the feline tribe, including a double portion of those which men are so fond of describing as feminine. Vain, indolent, selfish, with a highly-cultivated taste for luxury and neatness in her personal appearance, she was distinguished by all those little irritating habits and traits for which nothing but an effeminate heart—a thing in her case conspicuous by its absence can atone.

We live in a comfortable, old-fashioned house facing the highroad. I say we, but in fact for some months I had been alone, and my husband had just returned from one of his sporting and scientific expeditions in South America. He had already won fame as a naturalist, and had succeeded in bringing home alive quite a variety of beasts, usually of the reptile order, whose extreme rarity seemed to me a merciful provision of nature. But all his previous triumphs were completely eclipsed. I soon learned, by the capture alive, on this last expedition, of an abominably poisonous snake, known to those who knew it as the blue dryad, or more familiarly, in backwoods slang, as the "half-hour striker," in vague reference to its malignant and fatal qualities.

Being in extremely delicate health at the time, I need hardly say that I knew nothing of these grewsome details until afterward. Henry (that is my husband) after entering my room with a robust and sunburned appearance that did my heart good, merely observed—as soon as we had exchanged greeting—that he had brought home a pretty snake which "wouldn't do the slightest harm"—an evasive assurance which I accepted as became a nervous wife of an enthusiastic naturalist. I believe I insisted on its not coming into the house. Fortunately the weather was very hot, so it was decided that the blue dryad, wrapped in flannel and securely confined in a basket, should be left in the sun and the furthest corner of the veranda, during the hour or so in the afternoon when my husband had to visit the town on business.

He had gone off with a cousin of mine, an officer of engineers in India, stationed, I think, at Lahore, and home on leave. I remember that they were a long time, or what seemed to me a long time, over their luncheon; and the last remark of our guest as he came out of the dining-room remained in my head as even meaningless words will run in the head of an idle invalid shut up for the most part of the day in a silent room. What he said was, in the positive tone of one emphasizing a curious and surprising statement: "D'you know, by the way, it's the one animal that doesn't care a rap for the cobra?" And then, my husband seeming to express disbelief and a desire to change the subject as they entered my boudoir; "It's a holy fact! Goes for it, so smart! Has the beggar on toast before you can say 'Jack Robinson!'"

The observation did not interest me, but simply ran in my head. Then they came into my room, and only for a few moments, as I was not to be tired. The engineer tried to amuse Stoffles, who was seized with such a fit of mortal boredom that he transferred his attentions to Ruby, the Gordon setter, a devoted and inseparable friend of mine, under whose charge I was shortly left as they went out.

I suppose I may have been asleep for ten minutes or so when I was awakened by the noise of Ruby's heavy body jumping out through the open window. Feeling restless and seeing me asleep, he had imagined himself entitled to a short spell off guard. Had the door not been ostensibly latched he would have made his way out by it, being thoroughly used to open doors and such tricks—a capacity which, in fact, proved fatal to him. That it was detached, I saw in a few moments, as the dog on his return forced it open with a push and trotted up in a disturbed manner to my bedside. I noticed a tiny spot of blood on the black side of his nose, and naturally supposed he had scratched himself against a bush or a piece of wire. "Ruby," I said, "what have you been doing?" Then he whined as if in pain, crouching close to my side, and shaking in every limb. I should say that I was myself lying with a shawl over my feet on a deep sofa with a high back. I turned to look at Stoffles, who was slowly perambulating the room, looking for flies and other insects—her favorite amusement on the wainscot. When I glanced again at the dog, his appearance filled me with horror: he was standing, obviously from pain, swaying from side to side and breathing hard. As I watched, his body grew more and more rigid. With his eyes fixed on the half-open door, he drew back as if from the approach of some dreaded object, raised his head with a pitiful attempt at a bark, which broke off into a stifled howl, rolled over sideways suddenly, and lay dead. The horrid stiffness of the body, almost resembling a stuffed creature overset, made me believe that he had died as he stood, close to my side, perhaps meaning to defend me. Unable to resist the unintelligible idea that the dog had been frightened to death, I followed the direction of his last gaze, and at first saw nothing. The next moment I observed round the corner of the veranda door a small, dark, and slender object, swaying gently up and down like a dry bough in the wind. It had passed right into the room with the same slow regular motion before I realized what it was and what had happened. My poor, stupid Ruby must have nosed at the basket on the veranda till he succeeded somehow in opening it, and been bitten in return for his pains by the abominable beast which I now saw angrily rearing its head and hissing fiercely at the dead dog within three yards of my face.

I am not one of those women who jump on chairs or tables when they see a mouse, but I have a constitutional horror of the most harmless reptiles. Watching the blue dryad as it glided across the patch of sunlight streaming in from the open window, and knowing what it was, I confess to being as nearly frightened out of my wits as I ever hope to be. I simply dared not speak or move a finger for fear of attracting the beast's attention to myself. Suddenly Stoffles, weary of patting flies and spiders on the back, appeared gently purring on the back of the sofa.

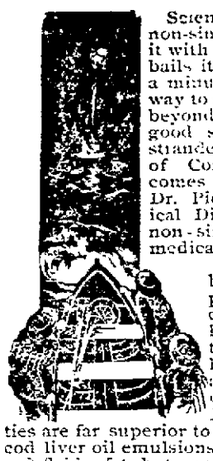
Stoffles, as I have said, was inordinately vain and self-conscious. Stalking along the top of the sofa-back and bearing erect the bushy banner of her magnificent tail, she looked the most ridiculous creature imaginable. She had proceeded half-way on this pilgrimage toward me, when suddenly, with the rapidity of lightning, as her ear caught the sound of the hiss and her eyes fell upon the blue dryad, her whole civilized "play-acting" demeanor vanished, and her body stiffened and contracted to the form of a watchful wild beast with the ferocious and instinctive antipathy to a natural enemy blazing from its eyes. In one light bound she was on the floor in a compressed, defensive attitude, with all four feet close together, near, but not too near, the unknown but clearly hostile intruder; and to my surprise the snake turned and made off toward the window. Stoffles trotted lightly after, obviously interested in its method of locomotion. Then she made a long arm and playfully dropped a paw upon its tail. The snake wriggled free in a moment, and coiling its whole length, some three and a half feet, fronted this new antagonist.

The audacity of the cat astonished me from the first. I have no reason to believe she had ever seen a snake before, yet by a sort of instinct she seemed to know exactly what she was doing. As the dryad raised its head, with glittering eyes and forked tongue, Stoffles crouched with both front paws in the air, sparring as I had seen her do sometimes with a large moth. The first round passed so swiftly that mortal eye could hardly see with distinctness what happened. The snake made a dart, and the cat, all claws, two rapid blows at its advancing head. The first missed, but the second I could see came home, as the brute, shaking its neck and head, withdrew further into the rug. But Stoffles crept after it, with an air of attractive carelessness which was instantly rewarded. A full two feet of the dryad's body straightened like a black arrow, and seemed to strike right into the furry side of its antagonist—seemed, I say, to slow-going human eyes; but the latter shrank, literally fell back, collapsing with such suddenness that she seemed to have turned herself inside out, and become the mere skin of a cat. As the serpent recovered itself, she pounced on it like lightning, driving at least half a dozen claws well home, and then, apparently realizing that she had not a good enough hold, sprang lightly into the air from off the body, alighting about a yard off. There followed a minute of sparring in the air; the snake seemingly half afraid to strike, the cat waiting on its every movement.

Now the poisonous snake when provoked is an irritable animal, and the next attack of the dryad, maddened by the scratchings of puss and its own unsuccessful exertions, was so furious, and so close to myself, that I shuddered for the result. I could not have left my position on the sofa without almost treading upon Stoffles, whose bristling back was not a yard from my feet. At last, I thought—as the blue dryad, for the second coiled close as a black silk cable, sprang out the next as straight and sharp as the piston-rod of an engine—this lump of feline vanity and conceit is done for, and—I could not help thinking—it will probably be my turn next! Little did I appreciate the resources of Stoffles, who, without a change in her vigilant pose, without a wink of her fierce green eyes, sprang backward and upward on to the top of me, and there confronted the enemy calmly as ever, sitting, if you please, upon my feet!

Trembling all over with fright, I could not but observe that she was trembling too—with rage. The last act rapidly approached, and no more strategic catastrophe was ever seen. For a snake, as everybody knows, naturally rears its head when fighting. In that position, though one may hit it with a stick, it is extremely difficult, as this battle had shown, to get hold of. Now, as the dryad, curled to a capital S, quivering and hissing advanced for the last time to the charge, it was bound to strike across the edge of the sofa on which I lay, at the erect head of Stoffles, which vanished with a juggling celerity that would have dislocated the collarbone of any other animal in creation. From such an exertion the snake recovered itself with an obvious effort, quick beyond question, but not nearly quick enough. Before I could well see that it had missed its aim, Stoffles had launched out like a spring released, and, burying eight or ten claws in the back of its enemy's head, pinned it down against the stiff cushion of the sofa. The tail of the agonized reptile flung wildly in the air and flapped on the arched back of the imperturbable tigress. The whiskered muzzle of Stoffles dropped quietly, and her teeth met once, twice, thrice, like the needle and hook of a sewing-machine, in the neck of the blue dryad; and when, after much deliberation, she let it go, the beast fell into a limp tangle on the floor.

From the gland of the beast, as I afterward learned, they extracted enough poison to be the death of 20 full-grown human beings. Tightly clasped between its minute teeth was found a few long hairs, late the property of Stoffles.



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FIRST GRADE.

March 10th and 11th, at Goshen.
August 11th and 12th, at Middletown.

TRAINING CLASSES.

January 19th, 20th and 21st, at Port Jervis.
June 8th, 9th and 10th, at Port Jervis.

SECOND AND THIRD GRADES.

January 13th and 14th, at Port Jervis.
March 10th and 11th, at Goshen.
May 27th and 28th, at Otisville.
August 11th and 12th at Middletown.
September 23d and 24th, at Warwick.

KINDERGARTEN.

January 19th and 20th, at Port Jervis.
June 8th and 9th, at Port Jervis.

DRAWING.

March 10th and 11th, at Goshen.
August 11th and 12th, at Middletown.

NORMAL ENTRANCE.

Second Thursday of January, 13th, at Port Jervis.
Fourth Friday of May, 27th, at Otisville.
Second Thursday of August, 11th, at Middletown.

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Examinations will be held from 9:15 a. m. to 12:30 m. and from 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m.

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"Leddy," said he, apologetically, "I'm sellin' suspenders."—N. Y. Journal.

And He Didn't.

She—So many men marry for money—you wouldn't marry me for money, would you, dearest?

He (absently)—No, darling, I wouldn't marry you for all the money in the world," and he marvels now that she did not speak the last time he met her.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Unfortunate, Indeed.

"It's too bad they didn't have judges in Adam's time."

"Why?"

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"Well, you see, my wife is putting up a big dinner at home, and I carried the invitations in my pocket until this morning."—Chicago Journal.

Willing to Compromise.

She—So you won't let me buy your neckties any more?

He—Er—no, I can't very well do so. But I'll tell you what I'll do—I'll let you build the fires.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Defied.

He kissed her without her permission;
She was speechless a moment, and then
Said, in tones that he couldn't mistake:
"Sir,
I'll dare you to try that again!"
—Chicago Record.

STAYING WAS HIS FORTE.

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Unhappy.

Sad is that man's perverted way
Who for indignant moods was born;
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Need of System.

Washerwoman—Please, mum, I've brought your wash.

Patron—Well, take it to some one else and leave me some one else's wash. I think if you will manage that way I'll get more of my things.—N. Y. Weekly.

The Modern Stage.

Nell—Flora's going on the stage.

Belle—I didn't know she had any talent.

Nell—She hasn't; but her aunt, the great actress, has died, and left Flora her wardrobe.—Tit-Bits.

Voice of Envy.

Maud—Clara Cumlong has an easy time with that indulgent old father of hers. She does pretty much what she pleases.

Irene—Yes, but she can't be pretty, do what she pleases.—Washington Star.

Only Human.

"What was it that interrupted the proceedings of the peace congress?"

"All the delegates ran out to see a fight in the alley."—Chicago Journal.

Minus.

He—Ethel, can't you read my mind?

She—How can I when the type is so small?—Brooklyn Life.

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25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
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27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
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214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
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36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. If disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child, suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth, send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP." d&w

A Sensible Man

Would use Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs. It is curing more cases of coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, croup and all throat and lung troubles, than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized any druggist to give you a sample bottle free to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Price 25 and 50 cents.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed. 10c, 25c, 50c.

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. W. D. Olney.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve

Cures Piles.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. W. D. Olney.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C C C fail, druggists refund money.

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

Fine Wedding and other invitations, and Ball Programmes a specialty. Complete stock of all the latest designs.

NEW YORK ONTARIO & WESTERN RAILWAY.

Time Table in Effect Dec. 12th, 1897.

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	11 * Milk	1 * Ont Day Exp	27 *	7 * Sus-Riv'n Exp	5 * Chicago Lmt
	A M		P M	P M	P M
N. Y. Leave	7 45		2 00		5 45
Franklin St	8 21	7 19	2 40		6 15
W. 42d St.	8 37	7 35	2 55		6 30
Weehawken	8 07	8 10	2 30		6 30
Cornwall	10 10	9 15	4 10		7 50
Fit the Ille	10 22	9 59	5 08		
Ori's Mills	10 27	10 05	5 15		
Little Britn	10 31	10 09	5 22		
Burnside	10 56	10 36	5 47		
Campbell H	11 05	10 42	5 40		8 19
Stony Ford	11 15	10 52	5 41		
M'town Main St.	7 58	12	6 58		
M'town ar	7 40	12 45	6 00		8 25
M'town lv	8 45	1 55	6 15		8 45
Winterton	9 10	11 09	6 35		
Bloom'g'bgh	9 21	11 15	6 35		
Wurtsboro	9 26	11 19	6 40		
Summitville	9 38	11 30	6 57		
Ellenville	10 05	11 50	7 10		
Fallsburgh	10 32	12 05	7 36		
Hurleyville	10 52	12 12	7 38		
Ferndale	11 15	12 32	7 38		
Liberty	11 30	12 59	7 44		9 50
Parksville	11 45	12 40	7 55		
L'Vigst n Mr	12 00	12 53	8 08		10 18
Rockland	12 15	1 08	8 20	13	
Cadosia	1 20	2 03		A M	10 59
Walton	2 10	2 15	12 15	8 07	11 33
Maywood		3 14	2 10	8 38	
Sidney		3 40	2 41	9 02	12 15
N'rwich ar		4 30	A M 5 50	9 50	2 58
N'rwich lv		4 35	7 30 P M	9 54	1 03
Castle		6 05	9 10	A M	12 12
Oneida ar		6 10	9 15		2 17
Oneida lv		6 15	9 20		
Fulton		7 37	10 58		3 31
Oswego ar		8 50	11 20		3 50

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New York Exp	12 * Local	50 *	14 * Del-hi Exp	2 * N Y Day Exp	42 * Norwich Exp
	A M	P M	A M		A M	P M
Oswego lv	11 30		7 15		6 15	2 55
Oneida ar			12 32		5 46	5 05
Oneida lv	12 56		1 0		5 50	5 27
Castle			1 15	P M	5 53	5 37
Norwich ar	2 09		6 15	6 47	10 37	7 15
Norwich lv	2 14		P M	6 52	10 42	P M
Sidney	3 05			7 50	11 43	
Maywood				8 09	11 57	
Walton	3 50	12 15	A M	8 40	12 37	
Cadosia	4 21	1 20		P M	1 20	
Rockland		2 28	6 20		2 15	
Lv'gst'n Mr	5 07	3 05	6 14		2 37	
Parksville		3 16	6 25		2 37	
Liberty	5 25	3 35	6 36		2 51	
Ferndale		3 45	6 41		2 56	
Hurleyville		4 04	6 50		3 06	
Fallsburgh		4 19	6 57		3 14	
Centreville		4 40	7 04		3 20	
Mount'n D.		4 52	7 10		3 25	
Summitville		5 10	7 26		3 45	
Wurtsboro		5 20	7 33		3 52	
Bloom'g'bgh		5 26	7 38		3 57	
Winterton		5 41	7 43		4 02	
M'town ar	6 23	5 55	8 00		4 20	
M'town lv	6 45	6 20	8 15		4 30	
M'town Main St.		6 22	8 2		4 32	
Stony Ford		6 30	8 25		4 40	
Campbell H.		6 37	8 31		4 52	
Burnside		7 22	8 36		4 52	
Little Brit'n		7 38	8 46		5 08	
Orr's Mills		7 45	8 53		5 15	
Fitzhilfe		8 10	9 18		5 21	
Cornwall	7 22	8 20	9 02		5 25	
Weehawken	9 47	10 50	10 30		7 00	
New York W. 42d St.	9 00	11 00	10 40		7 10	
N. Y. Franklin St	9 15	11 30	10 55		7 25	
	P M	P M	A M		P M	

* Runs daily, all other trains daily except Sunday.

‡ Signifies that trains will stop on signal for passengers.

a Signifies that trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only.

* Stop for meals.

Trains leave Carbondale and intermediate stations.

Trains leave Scranton 6 55 a. m. for Cadosia.

Trains leave Summitville for Ellenville 9 40 and 11 30 a. m., 2 50 and 6 0 p. m.

Trains leave Ellenville for Summitville 7 00 and 10 50 a. m., 3 10 and 5 30 p. m.

Trains leave Delhi for Walton 7 20 and 11 00 a. m., and 5 0 p. m. Sunday only 9 15 a. m.

Trains leave Walton for Delhi 9 10 a. m., 2 45 and 5 45 p. m. Sunday only 9 15 a. m. and 2 15 p. m.

Trains leave Sidney for New Berlin 10 00 a. m., 2 45 and 7 5 p. m. Leave New Berlin for Sidney 7 40 and 10 02 a. m. and 2 11 p. m.

For further particulars see local card.

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No. 5 arrives at Chicago 9 3 p. m.

No. 6 leaves Chicago via Wabash R R 3 07 p. m.

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N. Y., S. & W. R. R.

In effect Nov. 29th, '97.

NORTH

New York Ferries	Daily	Daily ex Sun
	p m	p m
West 23d St.	5 10	3 50
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	5 30	4 10
Jersey City	5 46	4 25
Hackensack	6 14	4 55
Paterson (Broadway)	6 26	5 07
Paterson	6 29	5 10
Two Bridges	6 50	5 30
Ogdensburg	7 07	5 47
Franklin	7 12	5 52
Hamburg	7 29	6 09
Beckertown	7 40	6 20
Quarryville	7 46	6 26
Unionville	7 49	6 29
Westtown	7 54	6 34
Johnson	7 57	6 37
Slate Hill	8 06	6 46
Middletown	8 12	6 52

SOUTH.

	Daily ex Sun	Daily
	a m	p m
Middletown	6 30	5 04
Slate Hill	6 42	5 15
Johnson	6 48	5 21
Westtown	6 51	5 27
Unionville	6 56	5 34
Quarryville	7 06	5 43
Beckertown	7 11	5 51
Hamburg	7 22	6 00
Franklin Junction	7 27	6 07
Franklin	7 29	6 07
Ogdensburg	7 34	6 12
Two Bridges	7 51	6 28
Paterson (City)	9 03	7 45
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36 7 48
Hackensack	9 16	10 47 8 01
Jersey City	9 38	11 12 8 27
New York Ferries—		
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	9 53	11 23 8 38
West 23d street	10 15	11 45 9 20

‡—Stop on signal.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

State and County Tax.

Notice is hereby given, as required by statute, to the taxable inhabitants of the city of Middletown, N. Y., that the undersigned Collector of Taxes, in and for said city, has received the warrant for the collection of State and County Taxes for the current year, and will attend at the City Clerk's office, Room No. 2, Times Building, corner of King and Center streets, on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), for thirty days from Dec. 17th, 1897, until Jan. 22d, 1898, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving payment of said taxes.

E. M. HAMILTON Collector.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 16th, 1897.

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TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 28, '97.

Eastern Time.	17	21	1	9	11	33	5	42	15	25	29	7	13	8	22	14	N. Spec. 606	N. Spec. 620	Sun 18
	A M	A M	A M	A M	A M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M
Leave NEW YORK	* 4 00	7 45	* 9 00																
Arrive Paterson	5 30	9 15	10 49																
Leave Paterson	1 45	8 33		9 57	10 08	10 11													
Arrive Monroe																			
Greycourt																			
Chester		9 03																	
Goshen			11 19																
Middletown	6 22	10 19		11 12	12 25	12 40	12 48	1 04	1 12	1 21	1 42	4 22	4 10	5 00	5 40	6 20	7 45	8 00	9 20
Howells	6 47	10 36	b10 56	11 25		12 57	1 05	1 29	1 37	1 46	2 07	4 47	4 35	5 25	6 05	6 45	8 10	8 25	9 45
Otisville	7 02	10 54				1 12	1 20	1 44	1 52	2 01	2 22	5 02	4 50	5 40	6 20	7 00	8 25	8 40	10 00
Port Jervis	* 7 55	†11 15				* 2 05	2 13	2 37	2 45	2 54	3 15	* 5 55	5 43	* 6 33	* 7 13	* 7 53	* 9 18	* 9 33	* 10 53
Arr. CHICAGO																			
Leave CHICAGO																			
Arrive Port Jervis																			
Leave East Time.																			

*Daily. ‡Sundays only. †Except Sunday. b. Stops for passengers to Binghamton and beyond.

Middletown & Crawford Branch—Leave Main St., Middletown, for Pine Bush at 11:40 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:10 a. m., Sundays only, and 6:55 p. m. daily.

Montgomery Branch—Leave Goshen for Montgomery at 7:27 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:20 a. m. and 5:28 p. m., daily except Sunday; 10:55 Sunday only.

Pine Island Branch—Leave Goshen for Pine Island at 11:20 a. m. and 6:35 p. m. daily except Sunday; 10:55 Sunday only. Leave Goshen for Deckertown 8:45 a. m. and 6:35 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Newburgh, via Turners—Leave Turners for Newburgh at 7:35 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 10:53 a. m., daily except Sunday; 9:00 p. m. daily; 10:30 a. m., Sunday only. Train 30 and 2 connects for Newburgh via Arden, instead of Turners.

Newburgh, via Greycourt—Leave Greycourt at 7:45 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:10 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 1:23 and 6:20 p. m. daily, except Sunday; 10:45 a. m. and 5:37 p. m., Sunday only.

Trains Nos. 6, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33 and Sunday Spec. 601, 617, 625 stop at Main street, Middletown.

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Dealers in Gravel, Asphalt and Pitch. We handle first-class roof paints—Mastic and Asphaltum Paints. Mending a specialty. Also tin, iron and slate roofing.

T. SLACK, Manager. H. Ogden, 117 North street.

PUBLIC VOICE.

Rev. Dr. Beattie's Reply to Rev. F. A. Heath's Letter in Regrd to Week of Prayer Meetings.

EDITOR ARGUS.—In the course of the address reluctantly (?) delivered in two of the city papers, last Monday afternoon, by "Frank Arthur Heath," he made use of this expression: "We insist that the facts be stated precisely as they are."

In his statement of facts, however, he omits three or four well known to him at the time that have an important bearing on the question of the appointments of this year's "Week of Prayer."

1. We are all agreed that it was held in the Baptist Church in 1894 and there ought to be no disagreement about the fact that 4 plus 5 equals 9.

2. By order of rotation, which we have followed for these services for a number of years, they came to the Second Presbyterian Church.

3. This was to me so evident that I did not call the ministers together to decide it, but as I casually met them individually called attention to it.

On my way to Tennessee I remembered that I had not met or spoken to Mr. Heath with reference to the matter, and therefore "from away down South in Dixie," I sent him a postal stating time and place of meeting which he admits he received before Sabbath, in time to announce.

I called on him at his home on Monday morning and explained the matter to him more fully and endeavored to assure him that no discourtesy to him or his church was intended. It was with the knowledge of these facts that he declared on Monday afternoon that he "entirely withdrew from the Union."

Will you please say to him that we hope peace and prosperity may prevail in "The little church around the corner," and that the door of our Union will stand open to receive him or his church or any of them whenever they desire to return. CHAS. BEATTIE.

The Deerpark Election Case.

Judge Hirschberg, Friday, counted two of the so called "void" ballots in the Deerpark disputed election case for Radeker, Democrat, and one for Banks, Republican. As the latter had two majority on the original canvass this elected him Overseer of the Poor by one major ity.

Girl Badly Hurt While Coasting.

A party of children were coasting near Carpenter's Point, Thursday evening, when the "double bob" on which they were riding collided with a tree and Edith Allen, twelve years old, had her thigh broken.

Real Estate Notes.

—Gardner & McWilliams, insurance and real estate agents, have sold for Nathaniel T. Smith his house and lot No. 138 West Main street, to S. S. Purvis.

Colored People Gave a Surprise Party.

About two score of the local colored population of this city went to Montgomery, Friday night, and surprised a couple residing there.

Its Worst Form.

"My daughter has been troubled with catarrh since she was four years old. She had the disease in its worst form and took medicines with no permanent relief. She finally began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills and after a while the disagreeable symptoms entirely disappeared." M. W. SILSBY, Hartland, N. Y.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reliable, sure

Stop drugging yourself with quack nostrums or "cures." Get a well-known pharmaceutical remedy that will do the work. Catarrh and cold in the head will not cause suffering if Ely's Cream Balm is used. Druggist will supply 50c trial size or 50c. full size. We mail it.

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Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont., recommended Ely Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement. "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed." — Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor Central Presbyterian Church, Helena, Mont.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8, '98.

	Yesterday's Close	To-day Close
Sugar	141¾	142¾
Tobacco	91⅛	91
Chicago Gas	96⅝	96⅝
Nat. Lead	37⅝	37⅝
General Electric	36⅜	36⅞
U. S. L., pref	64½	64½
Tenn. Coal and Iron	26⅝	27⅛
A. T. & S. F	13¾	13¾
C. B. & Q	101¾	101⅝
C. M. & St. P	96	96⅛
R. I	91⅝	91⅝
D. L. & W	—	—
C. of N. J	97	97⅝
Erie	15	15¼
L. and H	113	114
O. & W	16⅜	16½
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref	26½	27½
P. & R	23¼	23
N. W	122⅝	123
U. S	—	—
N. Y. C	110⅝	110½
P	34⅞	34⅝
[illegible]	—	—
P	28¾	28⅞
Union	92⅛	92⅛
N	56⅝	57
[illegible]ttan	113⅝	113⅝
	31½	31⅝
h, pref	15½	15⅛
ific, pref	60⅝	61⅛
	—	—
n R'y	32¼	32¼
, pf	91¾	91⅜
t	29¾	29¼
	23¼	23⅜
	$9 35	$9 40
	4 87	4 90

K. OF P. INSTALLATION.

Knights and Their Guests Feasted on Steamed Clams—Ladies Came Unexpectedly.

Lancelot Lodge, No. 169, K. of P., held its annual installation at the castle hall, Friday night. The installing officer was Deputy Grand Commander John E. Corwin, and the men installed were:

C. C.—A. S. Reynolds.
V. C.—Irving Barr.
R.—J. E. Corwin.
M. of W.—J. P. Palmer.
M. at A.—H. Birtwhistle, Jr.
M. of E.—John Youngs.
M. of F.—Harry Reed.
K. of R. S.—I. J. Hasbrouck.
I. G.—Charles Miller.
O. G.—Clarence Conkling.

After the business of the evening the committee, D. S. Youmans, Jr., I. J. Smith and I. J. Hasbrouck, assisted by other members, served steamed clams to the lodge and its guests.

Just as the fun was at its height there came a simple knock at the door, and once it was opened about a score of ladies trooped in to aid in disposing of the clams and take charge of the clearing up afterward. It was a surprise for the members which was appreciated. The ladies brought music along and a few dances were enjoyed.

THREW HIM DOWN STAIRS.

The Young Man Tumbled Up Against the Wrong Door.

Some of the "Knights of the Round Table" are laughing at the predicament in which a young man of this city found himself, a night or two ago. He went to call on a widow on North street, but was unfortunately under too much steam, and fell very hard against the door which opens into the apartments of a business man who occupies the second floor of the building. The latter opened the door, discovered who the offender was, and promptly picked him up and threw him down stairs.

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BEECHAM'S PILLS

FOR BILIOUS AND NERVOUS DISORDERS

such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Giddiness, Fulness after meals, Headache, Dizziness, Drowsiness, Flushings of Heat, Loss of Appetite, Costiveness, Blotches on the Skin, Cold Chills, Disturbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations.

THE FIRST DOSE WILL GIVE RELIEF IN TWENTY MINUTES. Every sufferer will acknowledge them to be

A WONDERFUL MEDICINE.

BEECHAM'S PILLS, taken as directed, will quickly restore Females to complete health. They promptly remove obstructions or irregularities of the system **and cure Sick Headache.** For a

Weak Stomach
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IN MEN, WOMEN OR CHILDREN
Beecham's Pills are
Without a Rival
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No. 1 Santos 15c a pound.
No. 2 Santos 17c a pound.
Maracaibo 20c a pound.
Extra Maracaibo 25c a pound.
Java and Maracaibo 30c a lb.
Java and Mocha 35c a pound.

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Blankets and Robes!
AT ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

Here are a few prices—Good Robes $3 50, $4 50, $5 50, $6 50. Gallaway Robes $12.50 and $13,50. Blankets at all prices from 60, 75, 85c., $1, $1.25. Ten pound Blankets at $2.75.

EMIL E. E. RAASCH.

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Fine braids. Good prices. Comfortable, warm room at reasonable figures. Work will be steady. Apply at once.

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DO IT FOR YOURSELF.

You can tell just as well as a physician whether your kidneys are diseased or healthy. The way to do is to take a bottle or glass tumbler, and fill it with urine. If there is a sediment—a powder-like substance—at the bottom after standing a day and night, there is something wrong with the kidneys. Another sure sign of disease is a desire to urinate often, and still another sign is pain in the back If urine stains linen, there is no doubt that the kidneys are affected.

Any and all diseases of the kidneys, liver, bladder and of the urinary passages and constipation of the bowels are cured by Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. There is no question about its being the best and surest medicine in the world for such troubles. It quickly relieves and cures inability to hold urine, and people, young or old, who take it are not compelled to get up a number of times during the night. For putting an end to that scalding pain experienced in passing urine, nothing is so good as Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. It corrects the bad effects of whiskey and beer; is pleasant to taste, and does not seem to be medicine at all. Diseases of the kidneys and bladder often require the use of instruments to push back the sandy matter so the urine can be voided. In such cases Favorite Remedy should be taken without further delay or the disease may prove fatal. It is sold for one dollar a bottle at all drug stores. It is well worth many times its price.

Samples Free.

If you wish to test Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy before buying it, send your full post office address to the Dr. David Kennedy Corporation, Rondout, N. Y., and mention this paper. We will then mail you a sample bottle free, as well as circulars giving full directions for its use. Every reader of the ARGUS can depend upon the genuineness of this liberal offer, and all sufferers from kidney troubles should take advantage of it at once.

$50 Reward.

We understand some persons are circulating false and libelous reports concerning us and our business.

We hereby offer the above reward to any person or persons furnishing evidence of such reports sufficient to insure their legal conviction of same.

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DIED.

WELLER—At Circleville, Jan. 8th, '98, Theodore Weller, aged eighty two years, eight months. Funeral Sunday, at two o'clock from the house. Interment in Circleville Cemetery.

MONARQUE—At 44 Albert street, this city, Jan. 8th, '98, after a long illness, Frank E. Monarque, aged fifty-four years

MORSE—In this city, Jan. 6th, '98. Cornelius J. Morse, aged seventy-two years, seven months, twenty-four days.

Funeral services will be held from his late residence, No. 32 Hanford street, Sunday afternoon, at one-thirty o'clock. Interment in family plot, Union Cemetery, near Slate Hill.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 99 North street. Telephone No. 4. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 50 Great Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 10.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the matter of assessments for the
North street sewer,
King street brick pavement,
Center street brick pavement and
Depot street brick pavement,
that a hearing will be given at the Common Council rooms, No. 7 Times Building, King and Center streets Middletown, N. Y., Wednesday evening Jan 12th, 1898, at 8 o'clock, to all persons feeling aggrieved in any of the above matters, and that said assessment rolls may be examined, without charge, at the City Clerk's office until that date.

By order o the Common Council.
JOHN T. OGDEN, President.
E. M. HAMILTON, City Clerk.
Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec 28th, 1897.
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TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals for repairs and betterments to basement floor in State Armory, at Middletown, N. Y., will be received by mail or in person, up to twelve o'clock noon of Monday, January 17th, 1898, at the State Arsenal, 35th street and 7th avenue New York city, at which time and place bids will be opened.

Proposals must be for the whole work.

The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Specifications can be seen at the State Arsenal, 35th street and 7th avenue, New York city; also at the Middletown Armory, until and including Saturday January 15th, 1898.

BENJAMIN FLAGLER, Brig. Genl. and Chief of Ordnance, S. N. Y. d8,11,13

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23,
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Cents a Pound.

J. W. SLOAT,
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ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

GRAIN, FEED, HAY—Large stock, low prices. 81 Wed,Satf VANFLEET'S New Feed Store.

DRESSMAKING and Plain Sewing reasonable. MRS. OLIVER RITCH, 60 Linden Ave. 1t

HEADQUARTERS Capt. Wm. A. Jackson Post, No. 301, Dept. N. Y., G. A. R. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 8th, 1898. The members of this post are requested to meet at post rooms, to-night, at 7 o'clock sharp. Business of importance
J. A. GRIER, Commander.
J. G. IRWIN, Adjutant. 1td

ATTENTION, Gen. Lyon Post—A special meeting of this post will be held, this evening, to take action on the death of Comrade Weller.
J. D ADAMS, Commander.
A. B. WHEELER, Adjutant. 1t

HOMESTEAD Building and Loan Association Regular meetings for collection of dues Monday and Tuesday evenings.
40d2t H. J. LEONARD, Secretary.

CHUCK Steak 10c., round steak 12c., plate 5c., sausage 10c., pork chops 10c., pot roasts 6 and 8c. KINGSLAND'S Market,
39d2t 73 West Main street.

WE are in the Swim—Round steak 10c., shoulder 8c., plate 4c., fresh hams 8c., sausage 3 pounds 25c. lamb fronts 6c., pork chops 9c. Gilt edge Chicago beef. DUGDALE Market,
39d2t Cor. West MAIN and Union streets.

ASSIGNEE'S Sale of Uncollected Book Accounts of the late firm of M. F. Beebe will be held on Monday, Jan. 10th, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the offices of Merrill & Burke, 57 North street.
GEO. E. CORWIN, Assignee.
EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney for Assignee.

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent.
Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 109 North street, or corner East Ave and Fulton St. 78dtf

FOR RENT—Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families, city water. Barn if wanted. Low rent, desirable location. 11dtf F. C. EVERSON, 150 East Main street.

A. M. AMBLER repairs watches, clocks and jewelry at short notice and guarantees it fully; also a complete stock of watches and jewelry at lowest prices
No. 50 North street, Middletown.

FALSE Hair, wigs, whiskers, moustaches, zither, harp, first-class hammerless revolver, 32 calibre, all cheap at the
EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 78d1ly Oc23,98

PROF. WM. H. SAGENDORF, Clairvoyant, will remain permanently located at WM. S. ROE'S, 37 James street, Middletown, N. Y.

STRENGTHENING PLASTERS 10 cents each, 3 for 25 cents. Relieve many a pain and ache. Equal to higher priced plasters. Try them. Sold at
CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

HONEY Delivered C. O. D. Five pound pail, pure extracted 50c. Order by phone or postal at Belding's Flower Store or house, Cottage street.
c Dec31, Jan6,13,20 CHESTER BELDING.

WANTED—A position in a family by a girl 17 years old. Wages no object. Enquire at 98 North street. 37dtf

You should have that music and lot of ladies' periodicals neatly bound at
McINTYRE'S BINDERY,
32 North Street, Middletown.
The price will be reasonable. 1

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ALMOST AT YOUR OWN PRICE!

Remember, we include our entire winter stock, and you will do well to look at our place before you buy. We cheerfully show goods, whether you buy or not, and return the money for the asking.

This is our Trade Mark.

Budwig & Co.
8 NORTH ST
MIDDLETOWN, N.Y.

Look for it when you buy Clothing.

Special Lot of Knee Pants 18 Cents a Pair. ds.10,11,12&w1t

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A LITTLE
ANIMAL MEAL, BEEF SCRAP, ORR'S GRIT or OYSTER SCRAP!
Will increase the egg crop wonderfully. We have Ground Bone fine or coarse.

GEO A. SWALM & SON, 18 NORTH STREET.

CHAMBERS' Magic Corn Cure. Never fails. Has been selling continuously since introduced six years ago with but little advertising, except by pleased customers. It is the only sensible cure. A liquid applied directly to the corn dries at once, does not make the foot sore, does the business—15 cents. Made and sold only at
CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from post office.

SALE OF CHILDREN'S HEADWEAR. We have a nice assortment of children's bonnets in silk and cashmere; also caps and hats that we will close out now at cost. Fancy feather sweeps and plumes at nearly half price. Look at our stamped linens.
50d&wtf MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

WANTED—Ladies to remember that you swore off on having your shoes repaired with nails. It makes them stiff and heavy. CRAIG sews on the soles, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more.

REPRESENTATIVES of either sex wanted in every city or town to introduce a hinge which can be fitted to any window, old or new, by the application of which all windows are made to swing inside, low enough so that any person can stand upon the floor inside and clean the windows. The field for doing business is unlimited and quick and large returns are made by active and energetic canvassers. Apply to THE MODEL WINDOW HINGE CO., St. Paul Building, New York city. d25,31,5

WANTED—A steady, reliable man as orderly. Must know how to attend furnace.
39d3t Apply at THRALL HOSPITAL.

MAGIC Cold Cure—A remedy that will break up a cold in twenty-four hours. Guaranteed to do it. It does not cause ringing in the ears or nervousness, as quinine sometimes does. Sold only at
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Our 8th Annual Sale of Muslin Underwear.

3,042 pieces to be sold at the lowest prices ever made by any firm in Middletown. The goods were bought months ago of manufacturers who wanted the business to keep their help busy during the dull season. It is all made by skilled hands, and in many cases will be sold for less than you can buy the material at retail, not counting the making. No woman who cares to save money should miss this great sale. It will pay you to borrow the money rather than miss this chance of getting your share of the goods at the prices they will be marked at.

120 Misses' Muslin Night Gowns,

Made from good muslin, trimmed with cambric ruffle on neck and sleeves. Weary mothers may rest. You pay for the material only, we give away the work. Age 4 to 12 years, 25c.

72 Ladies' Gowns,

Made from good cotton, 18 spaced tucks in front, ruffle on neck and sleeves, yoke back, same story, cloth and trimming worth more than we ask for the whole garment. Sale price 39 cents.

120 Ladies' Gowns,

Made from good cotton, high neck, trimmed with four rows of insertion and twenty fine tucks in front, sleeves edged with embroidery, 49 cents.

60 Ladies' Empire Gowns,

Made from heavy cotton, well made and trimmed with embroidery and insertion, 49c

144 Ladies' Gowns,

Four styles in this lot, made from fine cotton, high and low necks, some trimmed with four rows of wide insertion, others trimmed with embroidery and fine tucks, not one worth less than 75c., all at 59c.

60 Ladies' Gowns,

Made from the very best cotton, trimmed with embroidery and insertion, 69c.

96 Ladies' Gowns,

Made from fine cotton or cambric, handsomely made and trimmed, not one worth less than $1; at this sale 79c.

144 Ladies' Gowns,

High and low neck, made in a great variety of styles. Couldn't be better made and less than the material would cost you, 98c., $1.19, $1.48

60 Ladies' Empire Gowns,

Made with wide lapels of embroidery and insertion on the neck and sleeves, well worth $1.25, at this sale 89c.

240 Pairs Ladies' Muslin Drawers,

Well made, trimmed with either fine tucks or lace; for this sale only 15c a pair.

420 Pairs Ladies' Muslin Drawers,

Five styles in this lot, all made different. Come and buy them and you will wonder how we could ever buy the material at the price, 25c.

192 Pairs Ladies' Umbrella Drawers,

Ruffle, hemstitched or trimmed with embroidery, 29c.

120 Pairs Ladies' Umbrella Drawers,

Handsomely made and trimmed, well worth 50c.; for this sale 39c.

264 Pairs Ladies' Fine Muslin

or Cambric Umbrella Drawers, all handsomely trimmed with lace, embroidery and insertion, many in this lot worth 75c.; all at 49c

300 Corset Covers, V Shaped Neck,

Trimmed with fine embroidery, perfect fitting; as long as they last 15c.

300 Corset Covers, V Shaped Neck,

Trimmed with wide fine embroidery, well worth 25c.; for this sale only 19c.

402 Corset Covers, Eight Styles in This Lot.

Made high and low neck, all handsomely trimmed in a great variety of styles. Many would get 39c for no better; as long as they last 25c.

120 Corset Covers,

Handsomely made, arm holes and neck both trimmed with fine embroidery. Finest goods ever offered at the price, 48c.

DO YOU KNOW THE UNDERWEAR WE SELL? Our Underwear business didn't come from selling common every-day stuff at every-day prices. Buy any of the garments here. If it isn't faultless in finish, perfect to look at and put on, we will buy it back.

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